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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

EDWARD R. & I.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday, the Second day of November One thousand nine hundred and three: We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Friday, the Eleventh day of December One thousand nine hundred and three.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Ninth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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EDWARD R. & I.

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

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Eighth day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the Third Year of Our Reign.

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Tuesday, 2nd February 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MESSAGE from His Majesty, by Thomas Dacres Butler, Esquire, Yeoman 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:

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

For the Saint Andrew's District of Burghs, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Hamilton Lee, who hath accepted the Office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

For Lancaster (North Lancashire) (Chester Division), in the room of David Alexander Edward Lindsay, commonly called Lord Balfour, who hath accepted the Office of Junior Lord of the Treasury.

For London (Borough of Camberwell) (Dulwich Division), in the room of Sir John Blandell Maple, Baronet, deceased.

For the Borough of Lewisham, in the room of John Penn, Esquire, deceased.

For the County of Devon (Mid or Ashburton Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Souts-Hayne, deceased.

For the County of Salop (Southern or Ludlow Division), in the room of Robert Jasper More, Esquire, deceased.

For the Borough of Lancaster (North Lancashire) (Lancaster Division), in the room of Sir Harry Bullard, Knight, deceased.

For the City of Londonderry, in the room of James Albert Edward Hamilton, commonly called Marquess of Hamilton, who hath accepted the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Household.

And also to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament,

For the Borough of Hampshire (Southern or Fareham Division), in the room of Sir Henry Torrens Anstruther, Esquire, who hath accepted the Office of a Representative in the Consul's Administration of the Suez Canal Company.

For the Borough of Rochester, in the room of James Hubert Gascoyne Cecil, commonly called Viscount Cranborne, called to the House of Peers.

For the Borough of Warwick and Leamington, in the room of the Honourable Alfred Lyttelton, K.C., who hath accepted the Office of Secretary of State for the Colonies.

For Lancaster (South East Lancashire) (Westhoughton Division), in the room of George Fletters Stanley, O.M., commonly called Lord Stanley, who hath accepted the Office of Postmaster General.

For Hants (Southern or Fareham Division), in the room of Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Hamilton Lee, who hath accepted the Office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

For Lancaster (North Lancashire) (Chester Division), in the room of David Alexander Edward Lindsay, commonly called Lord Balfour, who hath accepted the Office of Junior Lord of the Treasury.

For London (Borough of Camberwell) (Dulwich Division), in the room of Sir John Blandell Maple, Baronet, deceased.

For the Borough of Lewisham, in the room of John Penn, Esquire, deceased.

For the County of Devon (Mid or Ashburton Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Souts-Hayne, deceased.

For the County of Salop (Southern or Ludlow Division), in the room of Robert Jasper More, Esquire, deceased.

For the Borough of Lancaster (North Lancashire) (Lancaster Division), in the room of Sir Harry Bullard, Knight, deceased.

For the Borough of Lancaster (North Lancashire) (Lancaster Division), in the room of James Albert Edward Hamilton, commonly called Marquess of Hamilton, who hath accepted the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Household.

For the County of Meath (South Meath Division), in the room of James Lawrence Carew, Esquire, deceased.

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For the County of Leitrim (North Leitrim Division), in the room of Patrick Aloysius M'Hugh, Esquire, an adjudicated bankrupt.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that he had received the following letters relating to the resignation of two Members—

The Right Honourable
The Speaker, House of Commons,
15, Bishopsgate Street Within, E.C.,
Sir,
I have the honour to inform you that the firm of Antony Gibbs & Sons, of which I and my brother, Vicary Gibbs, are members, accepted a contract with the Admiralty on the 2nd December last.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Alban Gibbs.

City of London Writ.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 the present Parliament for the City of London, in the room of the Honourable Alben George Henry Gibbs, who, since his Election for the said city, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. MacNeill):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 the present Parliament for the County of Hertford (Mid or Saint Alban Division), in the room of the Honourable Vicary Gibbs, who, since his Election for the said county, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

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

The Right Honourable Alfred Lyttelton, Member for the Borough of Warwick and Leamington, was sworn.

The Right Honourable Hugh Oakeley Arnold-Fletcher, Member for the Borough of Belfast (West Belfast Division), was sworn.

The Right Honourable Edward George Villiers Stanley, esq. (commonly called Lord Stanley), Member for South East Lancashire (Westhoughton Division), was sworn.

David Alexander Edward Lindsey (commonly called Lord Balloarres), Member for Lancaster (North Lancashire) (Chearley Division), was sworn.

Arthur Hamilton Lee, Esquire, Member for Hants (Southern or Fareham Division), was sworn.

James Albert Edward Hamilton (commonly called Marques of Hamilton), Member for the City of Londonderry, was sworn.

Charles Tuff, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Rocheter, was sworn.

Edward Fresham Coates, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Losthams, was sworn.

Frederick Ratheford Harris, Esquire, Member for Louden (Borough of Cumberlunr) (Dulwich Division), was sworn.

Rowland Hunt, Esquire, Member for the County of Selop (Southern or Ludlow Division), was sworn.

John Stirling Ammworth, Esquire, Member for the County of Argyll, was sworn.

Captain Edward Charles Ellis, Member for the Saint Andrew's District of Burghs, was sworn.

Henry Trelawney Eee, Esquire, Member for the County of Devon (Mid or Ashburton Division), was sworn.

Louis John Tillet, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Norwich, was sworn.

Patrick Aloysius M'Hugh, Esquire, Member for the County of Leitrim (North Leitrim Division), was sworn.

David Nicholson, Esquire, Member for the County of Meath (South Meath Division), was sworn.

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

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall, for the time being, be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively where such Peer shall appear as a candidate, or by himself, or any other, to be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenanter or Governor of any county to avail himself of any authority derived from his commission to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood):

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

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Main Question being put ;
Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Member of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, at any elections in Great Britain respectively, where such Peer shall appear as a candidate, or by himself, or any others, he proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any county to avail himself of any authority derived from his commission to influence the election of any Member to serve for the Commons.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of the House of Commons, to serve for the Commons in Parliament, 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 guilty of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been guilty of such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

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

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that, during the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the Clerk of this House, during the sitting of Parliament, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, by Sir Courtenay Pennington Ilbert, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., 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 His Majesty's 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 Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, Explosions at Walsall, under the direction of Sir Courtenay Pennington Ilbert, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., the Clerk of this House.

Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thomson, Explosions at Powley Powder Company’s Factory at Faversham, Kent, on the 23rd August 1893.

Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thomson, Explosions at Powley Powder Company’s Factory at Faversham, Kent, on the 9th November 1903.

Copy of Fourth Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire and report what methods of treating and disposing of Sewage may properly be adopted ; with Vol. II., Minutes of Evidence ; Vol. III., Reports on Bacteriological Investigations; and Vol. IV., Reports on the Land Treatment of Sewage and Methods of Chemical Analysis of Sewage Effluents.


Copy of Final Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Arsenical Poisoning arising from the consumption of Beer and other articles of Food or Drink. Part I., Report.

Copy of Final Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Arsenical Poisoning arising from the consumption of Beer and other articles of Food or Drink. Part II., Vol. I. of Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Copy of Final Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Arsenical Poisoning arising from the consumption of Beer and other articles of Food or Drink. Part II., Vol. II. of Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Electricity in Mines appointed by the Secretary of State for Mines.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners ap pointed to inquire into the subject of Arsenical Poisoning arising from the consumption of Beer and other articles of Food or Drink. Part II., Vol. I. and II. and Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Secretary of State for the War in South Africa, with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Military Preparations and other matters connected with the War in South Africa, with Minutes of Evidence (Vol. I. and II.) and Appendices.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for Army to the Home Department, by J. H. Holdtine, Esquire, M.D., F.R.S., on Armytomiasis in Westphalian Hospitals.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Acts, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Borough and Rural District of Dover and Parishes of Deal and River Light Railway Order, 1903.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Acts, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Borough and Rural District of Bere Alston and Calstock Light Railway Order, 1900 (Bere Alston and Calstock Light Railway (Extension of Time) Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Acts, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Borough and Rural District of Southamptom, from Totton to Fawley (Totton, Hythe, and Fawley Light Railway Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Acts, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Rural District of Dartford, in the County of Kent (Dartford Light Railway (Extension) Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Acts, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Gloucester, from the Parishes of Henbury and Shirleyton (Gloucest Light Railway Order, 1903).

Copy of Return by Railway Companies of Railways in the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous Brakes, for the six months ending the 30th June 1903.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1896 to 1901 (Twenty-ninth Number.)

Copy of Report received from Mr. Henry Birchenough, the Special Commissioner appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into and report upon the present position and future prospects of British Trade in South Africa.

Copy of Return relating to the Rates of Import Duties levied on the principal and other articles imported into the Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom.

Copy of Fourth Report by the Board of Trade of Proceedings under the Conciliation Act, 1896.

Copy of Report on Sanitary Measures in India in 1901-2. Vol. XXXV.


Copy of Report on the administration and working of Indian Railways, by Thomas Robert (Railways) son, G.Y.O., Special Commissioner for Indian Railways.

Copy of Statistical Abstract relating to East India from 1892-3 to 1901-2. (Thirty-seventh Number.)

Copy of Review of Trade of India for 1892-3. East India (1906).
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Copy of Forty-first Report of the Inspector Reformatory appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland, for the year 1902.

Copy of Report of the Local Government Board for Ireland on the Shell-Fish Layings on (Ireland.) the Irish coast as respects their liability to Sewage contamination.

Copy of Reports from University Colleges, Board of Education, 1903.

Copy of Special Reports on Educational Subjects: School Training, and Early Employment of Lancashire Children.

Copy of Statement of Schemes for the formation of Education Committees, approved during the period 1st August to 30th November 1903, by the Board of Education, under Section 17 of the Education Act of 1902.

Copy of Regulations relating to the Royal Board of College of Science, the Royal College of Art, Education, and to Museums under the Board of Education, from 1st August 1903 to 31st July 1904.

Copy of Report on the results of investigations into Cider-making, carried out on behalf of the Sixth and Seventh Southern Counties Society in the years 1893 to 1902, by F. J. Lloyd, F.G.S., F.R.C.


Copy of Procès-Verbaux and Protocole Final of the Preliminary International Conference at Telegraphy. Berlin on Wireless Telegraphy.

Copy of Report of the Meteorological Council to the Royal Society for the year ending 31st March 1903.

Copy of Return of Preferential and Retaliatory Duties imposed, raised, reduced, or repealed in the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, and in the three years following, such change.

Copy of Memoranda by Professor Church, F.R.S., furnished to the First Commissioner of Houses of Parliament, concerning the treatment of decayed stone-work in the Chapter House, Westminster Abbey.

Copy of Reports respecting Peterhead Harbour Works.


Copies of Reports Nos. 22 (Seychelles, Report Colonial on Para Rubber), 23 (Dominica, Roads and Reports), 24 (Grenada, Report on Land Settlement in Carare), 25 (Hong Kong, Bubonic Plague, Memorandum on...
the treatment of Patients in their own Homes and in Local Hospitals).

Copy of Canadian Sessional Paper containing Correspondence in connection with the German Treaty of 1902.

Copy of further Correspondence relating to the Volcanic Eruptions in Saint Vincent and Martinique in 1902 and 1903.

Copy of Reports on the Federated Malay States for 1902.

Copy of Despatch from the High Commissioner covering a Report on the Agricultural Fund for the year ended 31st March 1903.

Copy of Papers relating to the Laws of Marriage and Divorce in self-governing British Colonies.

Reports of the Transvaal Labour Committee.

Copy of Annual Report of the Inspector General of Recruiting, for the first nine months of the year 1903.

Copy of Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain, for the year 1902.

Copy of Discipline and Management of Military Prisons in 1902.

Copy of Forty-second Report of the Royal Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund.

Copy of Return of Rifle Ranges available for Regular Troops and Militia, and of Rifle and Carbine Ranges available for the Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteer Forces [Address, 16th July 1903 (Mr. Courtenay Warner)].

Copy of Report on the Judicial Statistics of Scotland for the year 1902.

Copy of Eleventh Decennial Census of the Population of Scotland, taken 31st March 1901, with Report. Vol. III.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire into the administration of the Board of Manufactures (Scotland).

Copy of Tables showing the Populations of Counties, Local Government Districts, and Burghs in Scotland with reference to the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act.

Copy of Report of the Naval Manoeuvres of 1903.

Copy of Index to the Population Tables of England and Wales in the county volumes of the Census Report, 1901.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the President of the Local Government Board to inquire into the subject of the Police Administration in England and Wales, with Minutes of Evidence.


Copy of Accession of Germany to the Industrial Property Convention, 1883, &c. 1st May 1903.

Copy of Purchase Post Convention, with detailed Regulations, between the United Kingdom and Chile. Signed at Santiago, 21st October 1902.

Copy of Protocol for submitting to arbitration certain questions as to the interpretation of Treaties with Japan with regard to leases held in Japan. Signed at Tokyo, 28th August 1902.

Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom and China respecting Commercial Relations, &c. Signed at Stagni, 5th September 1902. Ratifications exchanged at Peiping, 28th July 1903.

Copy of Agreement between the United Treaty Series Kingdom and France providing for the settlement by arbitration of certain classes of questions which may arise between the two Governments. Signed at London, 14th October 1903.

Copy of Convention for the establishment of a Treaty Series Parcel Post Service between the United States (No. 1, 1904.) and Hong Kong. Signed at Washington, 21st November 1903.

Copy of further Correspondence respecting Turkey the affairs of South Eastern Europe. (No. 4, 1903.)

Copy of further Correspondence respecting Turkey the affairs of South Eastern Europe. March to (No. 1, 1904.) September 1903.

Copy of Report by Acting Consul Litten on a China journey in North West Yunnan. (No. 3, 1903.)

Copy of Report by Mr. C. W. Campbell, His Majesty’s Consul at Wuchow, on a journey in (No. 1, 1904.) Mongolia (with a Map).

Copy of Reports on the Geology of the East Africa Protectorate, by the late E. E. Walker (No. 11, 1903.) (Government Geologist).

Copy of Report by the Mombasa-Victoria Africa (Uganda) Railway Committee on the Progress (No. 12, 1903.) of the Works and Revenue-working, 1902-3 (with two Maps).


Copy of Despatch to certain of His Majesty’s Africa Representatives abroad in regard to alleged cases of ill-treatment of Natives, and to the existence of Trade Monopolies in the Independent State of the Congo.

Copy of General Report on the Uganda Africa Protectorate for the year ending 31st March 1903.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the United States Alaska Boundary.

Copy of Reports from certain of His Majesty’s Forestry Laws Representatives abroad respecting Forestry Laws.

Copy of Return of Most-favoured-Nation Most-favoured- Nation Clauses in existing Treaties of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Foreign Powers, stating the period when terminable, and showing whether they apply to the British Colonies, in force on the 1st July 1903.

Copy of Correspondence showing the systems in force in certain Foreign Countries for publishing Official Reports of Proceedings in the Houses of Legislature.

Return as to financial support given from State or Municipal Funds to Dramatic, Operatic, or Musical Performances in Foreign Countries [Address, 2nd March 1903 (Mr. Stuart-Wortley)].

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2086 to 3115.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, Nos. 596 to 601.

Copy of further Correspondence respecting the affairs of South Eastern Europe. (No. 2, 1904.)

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Royal Highness the treatment of Patients in their own Homes and in Local Hospitals). Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report showing the names of all Officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary now in receipt of Pensions, of all Head Constables, Sergeants, and Constables, and of all Widows and Children, to whom Pensions have been granted since the Constabulary Act, 1903-4, was prepared, with amount and date of Pension in each case.
Mr. Victor Cannadish also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Paper, signed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, no. 2.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 24th January 1904, amending the Regulation laid down in the Treasury Minute of the 31st May 1889, relating to Treasury Bills.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th August 1903, directing that the Accounts of the Royal Commission for the St. Louis Exhibition, 1904 (Roy. Com. on Exhib.), shall be examined and audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1895, dated 20th August 1903, awarding a special Pension to Sir Kenelm Edward Digby, K.C.B., late Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1895, dated 21st November 1903, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Deputy Governor of a Convict Prison in Ireland professional or other peculiar qualifications are not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service as required.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1895, dated 10th November 1903, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Office of Secretary to the Civil Service Commissioners professional or other peculiar qualifications are not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service as required.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 50th September 1903, declaring that Thomas Ashbrook Forster, Postmaster, New Town, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 5th November 1903, declaring that Alfred Whitlam, Machine Hand, Royal Small Arms Factory, Birmingham, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 23rd December 1903, declaring that William Edward Bird, Engineer-driver, Royal Gun Factory, War Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 23rd December 1903, declaring that Charles Chalmers, Principal Foreman, Royal Carriage Department, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 23rd December 1903, declaring that William Edward Bird, Engineer-driver, Royal Gun Factory, War Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Copy of Return of the amount of Notes issued more than forty years which have not been presented for payment, and which have been written off on the 22nd November 1903, from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England pursuant to the Bank Act, 1892.

Account showing the gross amount received and expended on account of the Telegraph Service during the year ended 31st March 1903, and the balance of the Expenditure over the Revenue ascertained in pursuance of Section 4 of the 30th Vict., c. 5.; and a Statement additional to the above Account, prepared in pursuance of the same section.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the Papers relative to Treasury Bills and Post Office Telegraphs be printed.

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Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of fulminate composition at the factory of the Belhaven Engineering Company, Limited, at Tunnel Lane, Greenwich Marshes, on the 18th December 1903.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 29th October 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, applying with modifications the provisions of Section 116 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, for the manufacture of Wearing Apparel, and revoking the Order (1906) dated 5th June 1902.

Copy of Order, dated 29th December 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 42 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, granting certain special exceptions to Cremeries; and revoking the Order (Ireland) dated 5th June 1902.

Copy of amended special Rules, dated 30th December 1901 and 28th November 1903, for the manufacture of Earthenware and China, as established by the Awards of the Umpire, Lord James of Hereford.

Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 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 manufacture of Electric Accumulators.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated 30th December 1903, in pursuance of Section 3, Subsection (2) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, modifying the proportion of cubic feet of space to be provided in certain Bakehouses.

Copy of Order, dated 21st November 1903, Factory and Workshop Acts (Special Exception—Lime-washing), for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 1 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, granting certain special exceptions from the provisions relating to Lime-washing, &c. to certain factories and parts of factories; and revoking the Orders dated 18th November 1895, 8th February 1895, and 26th March 1903.

Copy of Charter of Incorporation of the Borough of Aston Manor, dated 17th August 1903, under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

Copy of Charter of Incorporation of the Borough of Bromley, dated 17th August 1903, under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.


Copy of Charter of Incorporation of the Borough of Hornsey, dated 17th August 1903, under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

Copy of Regulations made, with the approval of the Inhabitants of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the management and discipline of the certified Inebriate Reformatories at Ackworth, Yorkshire.
Copy of new Regulations, dated 29th December 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, prescribing the Diet for ill-conducted or idle inmates of State Inebriates Reformatories, and revoking Regulations 64 and 65 (b), and much of Appendix A, as relates to the Diet of ill-conducted or idle inmates of the Regulation dated 21st June 1903.

Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Ellis Smith, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

Copy of a Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Patrick Hardigan, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

Copy of a Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Mary Ann Phillips, a convict under detention in Aylesbury Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enter the Home of the Holy Road at Worthing.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing (1) the names of permanent Officials of the Department on the 1st day of May 1903; (2) Description of Office; (3) Salary and Travelling Expenses; (4) Date of Appointment and previous Employment; (5) Tenure of Office:

And, similar Return of Officials employed by the various County Councils in Ireland in carrying out the provisions of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act.

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of thirty-three Minutes by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland sanctioning Forms of Instruction for certain county boroughs, counties, and urban districts.

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

Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Timothy W. Nolan, 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.

Copy of Order in Council under the Pharmacy Acts (Ireland), dated 9th October 1903, approving of a Regulation made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications under the Militia Act, 1882, lodged with the Clerk of General Meetings of Lianmenty in Ireland by Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1903, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Copies of an Order in Council, dated 9th October 1903, for the holding of Winter Assizes at certain places in Ireland.

Copy of Time Table of Intermediate Examinations in Ireland for 1904.

Copy of additional Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland as to Experimental and Practical Science.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 1st December 1898, giving effect to Rules of Court under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877.

Copy of two Orders in Council, dated 21st Supreme Court Act January 1904, giving effect to Rules of Court under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Wages and Majesty's Command,—Account of the sums received and paid by the Board of Trade in respect of the Wages and Effects of Seamen's Wages, Home and Foreign, which ended 20th November 1902, and of the Interest thereon; Statement showing the number and amount of Seamen's Money Orders issued and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom and at Ports Abroad, from 1855 to 31st March 1903; also, Statement showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the transmission of Seamen's Wages, in Ireland, from Banavie to Malagay, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the General Lighthouse Fund, Seamen's Savings Banks, Savings Banks, and the West Highland Railway (Extension from Banavie to Malagay) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster presented, by Army Pay, His Majesty's Command,—Copy of list of exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Non-effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year 1902-3 by the Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to Royal Warrant of 27th October 1894.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrich presented,—Return of the Addresses to His Majesty, dated the 30th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, for the Reports of Committees in connection with the transmission of Wages and Effects of Seamen's Wages, Home and Foreign, at Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, December 1893, and of the Duties chargeable on each of these dates.

Mr. Secretary Brodrich also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, as to the Loans raised in India, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 30th September 1903, with the Rates of Interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred during the half-year, the monies raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans.
paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

Return of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding on the 30th September 1903, with the Rates of Interest and total amount payable thereon, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the Debts incurred during the half-year, the moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to East India (Loans raised in India) and East India (Loans raised in England) be printed.

Sir William Anson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 9th October 1903, amending Statute XXV. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 22nd June 1903, in substitution for Statute XV. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 17th June 1903, amending certain clauses of Statute III. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint John's College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 15th May 1903, amending Statute XV., 1, of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Queen's College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 24th April 1903, amending Statute XV., 7, of the Statutes of the College.

Copies of Orders in Council under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of the 29th January 1904, providing for the remeasure of Tonnage of French and Spanish Vessels in British Ports.

Copy of Order in Council under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of the 9th October 1903, applying the provisions of Section 238 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in the case of Descartes from Japanese Vessels.

Copies of Orders in Council under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of the 18th November 1893, confirming Bye-laws made by the Pilotage Authority for the Ports of Gloucester and Barntleitland.

Copy of Order in Council under the International Copyright Acts, 1894 to 1896, giving effect to the Accession of Denmark to the International Copyright Convention of 9th September 1886, and additional Act of Paris, 1897.

Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Zanzibar Order in Council, 1903.

Copy of Order in Council under the Government of India Act, 1858, of 8th December 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 Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, of 9th October 1903, sanctioning certain Pensions now granted from the Funds of Greenwich Hospital being supplemented from Naval Funds.

Copy of Order in Council under the Weights and Measures Act, 1878, of 19th October 1903, approving a new denomination of Standard Weight of Fifty Pounds, or "Half-cwt."

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Universities of England, (Scotland), the rules for the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance No. IX. of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh, No. 3. (Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Law.)

Copy of Report on the state of the University of the Universities of Edinburgh, made by the Minutes of the University Court of the said University, No. 16. for Scotland in terms of the 30th Section of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ending 31st August 1903.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Glasgow of Scotland, 1899, from 1st October 1902 to 30th September 1903.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary for Licensing Scotland under Section 100 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act, 1903.

Copy of Rule made by the Prisons Act, 1877, appointing the Police Cells at Kirkcaldy and Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, settling the Prisons for the detention of9 prisons for a period not exceeding fourteen days before or during trial, and of convicted prisoners for a period not exceeding seven days from the date of conviction.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance), and those in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for Scotland, be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Com- mand,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3116 and 3117.

Copy of Map to accompany Correspondence United States concerning the Alaska Boundary (United States, No. 8, 1904), No. 1, 1904.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the direct L enactions of several Acts of Parliament, were 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 April and the 30th day of September 1903.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of all Lunacy, sums received by the Visitors of Lunatics for Travelling Expenses, or upon any other account, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1903.

Copy of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court (Rules.), dated 15th January 1904.
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 follo\:\:\\\n
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Mr. Speaker reported His Majesty's Speech.

Mr. Speaker, in connection with the general problem of Army and Navy reform. He is to be assisted in the discharge of his task by other officers appointed by his Majesties, and I have authorised the employment of a staff officer of my Army, aided by other British officers, for this purpose.

I am gratified to observe that the Legislatures of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Colony of New Zealand have passed laws giving effect to the Naval Agreements entered into at the Colonial Conference of 1902, under which they assume a larger share than heretofore in the general Scheme of Imperial Defence. The New Zealand Legislature has also sanctioned a Tariff which gives a preference in its markets to the produce of this country.

The supply of the raw material upon which the great Cotton industry of this country depends has inspired Me with deep concern. I trust that the efforts which are being made in various parts of My Empire to increase the area under cultivation may be attended with a large measure of success.

With the concurrence of the Chinese Government a Political Mission has entered Thibetan territory, in order to secure the due observance of the Convention of 1890 relating to Sikhim and Thibet. A Chinese official has been despatched from Peking to meet it, and I trust that an arrangement may be arrived at with the Chinese and Thibetan authorities which will peacefully remove a constant source of difficulty and friction on the northern frontier of My Indian Empire. Papers on the subject will be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the year will be submitted to you. Although they have been framed with the utmost desire for economy, the burden imposed on the resources of the country by the necessities of naval and military defence is undoubtedly serious. The possibility of diminishing this burden is being carefully considered in connection with the general problem of Army and War Office reform.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

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A Bill to amend the Laws relating to Education in Scotland has been prepared for your consideration.

A motion will be introduced to amend the Labourers Acts and the Housing of the Working Classes Act in Ireland.

Proposals will be laid before you for amending the Workmen's Compensation Acts; for amending the Law relating to Public Health; for dealing with the Hours of Employment in Shops; for consolidating the Enactments relating to Naval Prizes of War; for removing, after the termination of the present Parliament, the necessity for re-election in the case of acceptance of Offices by Members of the House of Commons; for supplementing the powers of the Congested Districts Board in Scotland; and for amending the Law relating to Sea Fisheries.

I commend your deliberations to the care and guidance of Almighty God.

A motion was made, and the question being proposed, 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. Lawrence Hardy);

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day of this instant February,

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And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this day of this instant February,

Ordered. That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order No. 79, he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

1. Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway.
2. Appleby Corporation Gas.
5. Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.).
6. Barry Railway (Steam Vessels).
7. Belfast and North-east Ireland Electric Tramways.

13. Bristol Tramways (Extensions).
15. Cambrian Railways.
17. Chesterfield Corporation Tramways and Improvements.
18. Chesterfield Gas and Water Board.
19.דוhilton Tramways.
21. Derwent Valley Water Board.
22. East Argentine Railway.
26. Fife Improvement.
27. Manchester Water.
28. Great Western Railway.
29. Great Yarmouth Corporation.
30. Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas.
31. Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad.
32. Holywood Tramways.
33. Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment).
34. Hutton's Hospital and Hutton's Educational Trust (Substituted Bill).
35. llford Urban District Council.
36. Ipswich Dock Commission.
37. Isle of Thanet Light Railways.
38. King's College Hospital.
40. Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway.
41. Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power.
42. Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.
43. Liverpool and Wigau Churches.
44. Linlith Harbour.
45. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.
46. Maidstone Bridge.
47. Manchester Corporation (General Powers).
49. Manchester Ship Canal.
50. Manchester Ship Canal Finance.
51. Matlock and District Gas.
52. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
53. Metropolitan District Railway.
54. Metropolitan Railway.
55. Mid Cheshire Tramways.
56. Milford and District Mines Drainage.
57. Minehead Urban District Council Water.
58. North, Penteadarce, and Brynaman Railway.
60. Newcastle and Gateshead Water.
62. New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company.
63. North Wales Electric Power.
64. Nunawton and Chibburn Cotton Urban District Council.
65. Oswestry, Oswestry, and District Joint Water Board.
66. Portadown, Beddgelert, and South Snowden Railway.
67. Preston and Blackburn Tramways.
68. Preston and Lytham Tramways and Tramroad.
69. Preston, Chorley, and Hovisich Tramway.
70. Preston Corporation Water.
71. Saint Bartholomew's Hospital.
72. Saint Mary Woolnoth.
76. Shipley Urban District Council.
77. Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time).
78. South Staffordshire Mines Drainage.
79. Stretford Urban District Council.
80. Tichhurst and District Water and Gas.
81. Trafford Park Dock and Railway.
82. Tynemouth Corporation.
83. Victoria University of Manchester.
84. Victorian University of Yorkshire.
85. Weaver Navigation (Additional Finance).
86. Weaver Navigation (Constitution and Finance).
87. West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment).
88. West Metropolitan Railway (Extension of Time).
89. Westover and Bournmouth Gas.
90. West Riding Tramways.
91. Withnell Gas.
92. York Town and Blackestar Gas.

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 3rd February 1904.

The House met at Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway.
Appley Corporation Gas.
Barntlow Castle Gas.
Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.
Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.).
BARRY RAILWAY (Steam Vessels).
Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas.
Belfast Corporation Tramways.
Blackhill Corporation.
Bournemouth Corporation Tramways.
Bradington Corporation.
Bristol Corporation.
Buxton Urban District Council.
Cambrian Railways.
Cardiff Railway.
Chesterfield Corporation Tramways and Improvements.
Chesterfield Gas and Water Board.
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power.
Derwent Valley Water Board.
East Argentine Railway.
Ebbow Vale Urban District Water.
Edwards Square Protection.
Epsom Palace Hotel Company.
Fylde Improvement.
Gosport Water.
Great Western Railway.
Great Yarmouth Corporation.
Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas.
Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad.
Hollywood Tramways.
Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment).
Hutcheson's Hospital and Hutcheson's Education Trust (substituted Bill).
Ipswich Dock Commission.
Isle of Thanet Light Railways.
King's College Hospital.
Lancashire Electric Power.
Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway.
Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power.
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.
Liverpool and Wigan Churches.
Llanelly Harbour.
London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.
Maidenhead Bridge.
Manchester Corporation (General Powers).
Manchester Corporation Tramways.
Manchester Ship Canal.
Manchester Ship Canal (Finance).
Mallock and District Gas.
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
Metropolitan District Railway.
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Miller and District Mines Drainage.
Minhelad Urban District Council Water.
Neath, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway.
Newcastle and Gateshead Water.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation.
New River Company.
New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company.
Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton Urban District Council.
Oakenhates, Daventry, and District Joint Water Board.
Portmatolec, Beddgelert, and South Snowden Railway.
Preston and Blackburn Tramways.
Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways.
Preston Corporation Water.
Saint Bartholomew's Hospital.
Saint Mary's Hospital.
Shipley Urban District Council.
Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time).
South Staffordshire Mines Drainage.
Stretford Urban District Council.
Tichhurst and District Water and Gas.
Tynemouth Corporation.
Tynemouth Gas.
Tynside Tramways and Tramroads.
Ulster Electric Power.
Victoria University of Manchester.
Victoria University of Yorkshire.
Weaver Navigation (Additional Finance).
Weaver Navigation (Constitution and Finance).
West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment).
West Metropolitan Railway (Extension of Time).
Westover and Bournmouth Gas.
West Riding Tramways.
Withnell Gas.
York Town and Blackestar Gas.

And that they have certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following cases, viz.:

Cont thicker Tramways.
North Wales Electric Power.
Trafford Park Dock and Railway.

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

Contoller Tramways [Lords].
North Wales Electric Power [Lords].
Trafford Park Dock and Railway [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 Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.—

Rotherham Corporation.

London County Council (Tramways and Improvements).

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 Lyttelton, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence relating to the affairs of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Prison Rule relating to the Vaccination of Prisoners in Barbadoes.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Further Return, dated the 14th day 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, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that county, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities 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.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Account of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1902-3, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1903; (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. Victor Cavendish.)

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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 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 City of London, in the room of the Honourable John Henry Gibbs, who, since his Election for the said city, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant February, 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 Saint Albans (Mid or Saint Albans Division), in the room of the Honourable Sir Francis Baring, who, since his Election for the said county, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service.

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 Hertford (Mid or Saint Albans Division), in the room of the Honourable Sir Francis Baring, who, since his Election for the said county, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service.

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

And the Question being put; 

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 Saint Albans (Mid or Saint Albans Division), in the room of the Honourable Sir Francis Baring, who, since his Election for the said county, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service.

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

And the Question being put; 

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 Hertford (Mid or Saint Albans Division), in the room of the Honourable Sir Francis Baring, who, since his Election for the said county, has undertaken a contract with the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the public service.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd 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. Lawrence Hardy); And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Thursday, 4th February 1904.

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.

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Thursday, 4th February 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to confer upon the Urban District Council of Acton further powers with regard to the supply of electricity, and the improvement, health, local government, and finance of the district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the limits of supply of the Arlesey Gas and Barnet Water and District Water Company, Limited, and to confer further powers upon that Company, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the limits of supply of the Arley Gas and Barnet Water Company; for the raising of additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the powers of the Acton (Mid or Saint Albans Division) W.R. Company, and to confer further powers upon that Company, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the limits of supply of the Acton (Mid or Saint Albans Division) Water Bill, for the raising of additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the Buxton, Buxton, Castleton, and Buxton and Buxton Water Company to acquire additional lands, to confer further powers, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Blyth Blyth and Cossins Water Company, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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A Bill for incorporating and conferring powers on the Great Eastern Railway Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Doncaster Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Doncaster with reference to their water, gas, and electricity undertakings; to make further and better provision with regard to the improvement of the said borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to amend the powers of the Great Eastern Railway Company with respect to the use of steam vessels was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate and confer powers upon the Felisostowe Gas Light Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to amend the Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies Acts Amendment Act, 1880, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate and confer powers upon the Felisostowe Gas Light Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Chippingham Gas Company to raise additional capital; to acquire lands; to enlarge their works; to alter name of the Company; to amend their existing Acts, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring powers on the Crystal Palace Electricity Co., Ltd., and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

A Bill to incorporate the Donegul Railway Company to raise further moneys by the creation and issue of guaranteed preference stock for the purpose, among others, of completing the Ballyshannan Extension, and to empower the Company to own and work motor cars and other vehicles, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate and conferring further powers on the East London and Lower Thames Electric Power Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute as a separate undertaking Great Central certain railways of the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies Joint Committee and certain other railways authorised to be constructed by the Great Central and Midland Railway Companies jointly, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the construction of new Central works and the acquisition of lands by the Great Central Railway Company in connection with their undertaking; the construction of new railways by the Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee and the Manchester South Junction and Attercham Railway Company respectively, and the acquisition of lands by the Great Central Railway Company of the under-takings of the Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay and Buckley Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Doncaster with reference to their water, gas, and electricity undertakings; to make further and better provision with regard to the improvement of the said borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to amend the powers of the Great Eastern Railway Company with respect to the use of steam vessels was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Bill to extend the time for the completion of railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer powers on the Great Northern Railway Company with reference to the construction of works and the purchase of lands; to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of certain lands by the Company; to empower the Company and the Great Central Railway Company to purchase lands; and to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands by those Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate the Hampton-in-Arden and Meriden Gas Company, and to enable that Company to supply gas with certain guarantees in the County of Warwick, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer powers on the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Company for widening and altering roads and acquiring lands in the Counties of Middlesex and London; to authorise the sale of the undertaking of the Company to the Metropolitan Electric Tramways, Limited, and to provide for the dissolution and winding-up of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Company to construct a new dock, with connecting railway and other works, and entrance into the River Humber; to abandon the dock and works authorised by the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Act, 1901, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill 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, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council of Kirkby-in-Ashfield to supply gas, and to provide for the transfer to the Council of so much of the gas undertaking of Sutton-in-Ashfield Urban District Council as is situated within the Urban District of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company to provide and work steam vessels between the Ports of Goole and Hull and certain continental ports, and to subscribe to the funds of Steamship Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company to construct new railways; to widen certain existing railways, and to construct other works; to acquire additional lands, and to raise additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to consolidate with amendments certain Acts of the local Acts in force within the City of Corporation, and to make further provision in regard to the various undertakings of the Corporation, and to make better provision for the health and local government of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council Leyton Urban District Water Company to construct and to operate tramways, and to confer further powers on the Council in regard to their tramways undertaking and their electrical undertaking; to empower the Council to execute certain street widenings; to provide for vesting in the Council certain lammas lands as open spaces and recreation grounds; to make further provision for the improvement, health and local government of the district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring powers Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Electric and Yorkshire Power Company was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Company, and empowering them to construct works and supply water; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to facilitate the passage of traffic to London and from the docks of the London and India Docks Company; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of lands required for, and for the completion of, certain works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company in relation to their own undertaking, and upon the Company and the Great Western Railway Company in relation to their joint undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to define the widening of Rye Lane, London, Peckham, referred to in the Peckham and East Dulwich Tramways Acts, 1885 and 1887, and to confer further powers upon the London, Camberwell, and Dulwich Tramways Company, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire lands for various purposes; to make provision with respect to sanitary and other like matters; to authorise the exchange of certain lands at Tooting Bec Common; to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to purchase lands for various purposes; to change the name of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade; to confer various powers upon the London County Council and upon the Councils of Metropolitan Boroughs, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to impose rates on goods imported into London Port and docks, and to make provision for the improvement of the dock accommodation at, and the navigation of, the said port, and for
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other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Brympton to acquire land to erect a town hall; to make further provision in regard to their gas undertaking, and to the health, local government, improvement, and finance of their district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer additional powers upon the Midland Railway Company, and upon that Company and the Great Eastern Railway Company, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee and the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Committee, for the construction of roads and the acquisition of lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Company to make a deviation railway in the County of Westmeath, and an extension railway in the County of Louth, and to enable that Company and the Lascutari and Yorkshire Railway Company to enter into working and other agreements, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating the North and South Warrington Electric Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct a railway from North Warrington to South Warrington, in the Counties of London and Essex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the North Staffordshire Railway Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further powers on the North Western Electric and Power-Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the City of Norwich Waterworks Company to raise additional capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for the abandonment of the abandonment of the Skipton and Shipley Waterworks and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further powers upon the City Corporation of Plymouth for constructing additional trams and for street improvements; to extend the town's yard; 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, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize an increase in the public Reading libraries and museums rates in the Borough of the Corporation of Reading; to provide for the establishment of a superannuation fund; to make further provision in regard to the health, local government, and improvement of the said borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for extending the limits of supply of the Reading, the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Works and Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Bill Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further powers upon the Rye Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for the abandonment of the Saddle-Staffordshire and Staffordshire Metropolitan Borough of Saint Marylebone with regard to the supply of electricity, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Selby Urban District and Springfield Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Selby Urban District and Selby Tramways to construct new waterworks, and to make further provision with regard to their market, water, and gas undertakings; to enable them to rate and acquire Selby Bridge; and for the improvement, health, and local government of the district, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making railways in the West Sheffield, Riding of the County of York, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for consolidating the capital of, and Shabby Gas and Shabby Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Skipton Waterworks and Improvements; to extend their limits of supply; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Skipton Nether Urban District to make and maintain tramways and street improvements; to acquire land for the purposes of a refuse destructor, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Plymouth Corporation Bill.

A Bill for conferring further borrowing powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer on the Urban District Council of Rochdale further powers with regard to their tramways undertaking; to construct new tramways and street improvements; to extend the town's yard; 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, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Endeavors Tramways and Improvement Bill.

A Bill to confer on the Urban District Council of Rochdale further powers with regard to their tramways undertaking; to construct new tramways and street improvements; to extend the town's yard; 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, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Corporation Southend Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Southend Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Southend Water Bill.

A Bill to empower the Southend Waterworks Company to raise further capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South Shields Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the South Shields Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

A Bill to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of lands for and completion of the railways and works authorised by the South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Act, 1901, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Strahan, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway Bill.

A Bill to empower the Strahan, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway Company to construct railways in the Counties of Tyrone and Donegal, to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Surrey Commercial Dock Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Surrey Commercial Dock Company to raise further capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sutton Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Sutton Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Swindon Corporation Bill.

A Bill to enable the Corporation of the Borough of Swindon to make new tramways, and to make further provision with reference to markets, and for the health, local government, and improvement of the borough, and for other purposes; was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Thames River Service Bill.

A Bill to provide for the acquisition and construction of piers and landing-places 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 London County Council of interest on moneys to be borrowed by the trustees, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Thames Steamboat Trust Bill.

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 London County Council of interest on moneys to be borrowed by the trustees, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Tunstal Urban District Council Water Bill.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Thurlestone, in the County of Devon, to construct waterworks for the supply of the district, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Tottenham Urban District Council for the District of Improvement Tottenham, in the County of Middlesex, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of lands, and for the construction of tramways the tramways authorised by the Watford and Tottenham (Extension of District Tramways Act, 1901, and for other Time) Bill, purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring powers Wellington on the Wellington (Somerset) Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Whitby Gas Company was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Westmorland to construct tramways, and to make further provision in regard to their tramways, electricity, and market undertakings, and the health, local government, and improvement of their borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Public Petitions. Vote First Report

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899 (Regulations for State Inebriate Reformatories), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Wages and Effects of Decoosed Seamen, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sugar, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by his Railway Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Accidents which were inquired into.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Alan to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant Immigration, February, for a Return relative to Alien Immigration.

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this Trade and Navigation, February, for a Return relative to Trade and Navigation.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.
Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, dated the 23rd September 1903, entitled the Foreign Animals (Amendment) Order of 1903 (No. 5).

Copy of Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, dated the 2nd February 1904, defining a Foreign Animals Quarantine Station at the Port of Southampton.

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

Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Postal Order (Ireland) Amendment Regulations, 1903, dated the 14th September 1903.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for Returns relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1902-3.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty, a return, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland).

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

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the National Gallery (Report).

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

Mr. V. A. Stanley presented the Bills for the Lending of Money to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on certain days, being those next before the date from the Exchequer of money for the payment of dividends on account of the National Debt for each of the four preceding quarters respectively.

Copy of Ninth Annual Report by the Chief Building Commissioner, on the Building Societies Acts, with an Abstract of the Annual Accounts and Statements of Societies for the year 1903.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech and the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Motion for an Address), 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. Lawrence Hardy)

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the War in South Africa, by adding at the end thereof the words 'but humbly represent to Your Majesty that the facts now made known in regard to the preparations for and conduct of the recent War in South Africa, and particularly the evidence taken by Your Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into those matters and their Report thereon, disclose grave negligence and mismanagement on the part of Your Majesty's Ministers, whereby the duration, magnitude, and cost of the War were greatly increased.'—(Mr. Robson.)

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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech and the adjourned Debate on the Amendment (Motion for an Address), 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. Laurence Hardy)

Which Amendment was, at the end of the War in South Africa, by adding at the end thereof the words 'but humbly represent to Your Majesty that the facts now made known in regard to the preparations for and conduct of the recent War in South Africa, and particularly the evidence taken by Your Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into those matters and their Report thereon, disclose grave negligence and mismanagement on the part of Your Majesty's Ministers, whereby the duration, magnitude, and cost of the War were greatly increased.'—(Mr. Robson.)

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.
"the War were greatly increased."—(Mr. Rossetti);
And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added: — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman)—it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.
And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 5th February 1904.
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Pettyman presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Astronomer Royal to the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, read at the Annual Visitation of the Royal Observatory, June 1903.

Copy of Returns of the number of Courts Martial held upon Seamen of the Royal Navy and the Marines about during the year 1902, the Offences for which the men were tried, the Sentences awarded, and the Punishments inflicted, at home and abroad:—Of the number of summary Punishments inflicted:—And, similar Returns relating to the Royal Marines on shore.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the War Office (Reconstruction) Committee, dated 18th January 1904.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to Tibet.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Telegraphic Correspondence relating to the Transouad Labour Importation Ordinance, with Appendix; the Ordinance as amended in accordance with telegrams.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Borough of Maidstone, in the County of Kent (Maidstone Corporation Light Railways Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, amending the Robertsbridge and Pevensey

Railway Order, 1900 (Robertsbridge and Pevensey Light Railways Order (Extension of Time) Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Parishes of Acton, Edgware, Edmonton, Enfield, Finchley, Friern Barnet, Hounslow, Hornsey, Little Stanmore, Southgate, Tottenham, Wembley, Willenham, and Wood Green, in the County of Middlesex (County of Middlesex Light Railways Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the County of Hertford, in the Parish of Watford Urban and the Urban District of Watford (Watford and District Light Railways Order, 1903).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant Companies directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Winding-up) Copy of General Rules made pursuant to the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1896, and the Judicature Act, 1881.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year ended 31st December 1902; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Cash Account of the Commissioners of Richmond Bridge for the year 1902.
Ordered, That the Paper relating to Intermediate Education (Ireland) be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at the rising of the Adjournment, House this day, do adjourn until Monday next.—(Sir Alexander Eland-Hood.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Brewers' a Return of Accounts of the number of persons licensed, in each of the several Collections of the United Kingdom licensed as Brewers for Sale, i.e., Common Brewers, Victuallers, Retailers of Beer not to be drunk on the Premises, and Brewers of Beer not for Sale, particularising each class in each Collection; and of the number of Licences issued to Victuallers and Retailers of Beer to be drunk on the Premises, and not to be drunk on the Premises; and stating also the quantities of Malt, unmalted Corn, Rice, &c., Sugar, including its equivalent of Syrups, &c., Hops and Hop Substitutes, used by Brewers for Sale and of Malt and Sugar used by Brewers not for Sale, from the 1st day of October 1902 to the 50th day of September 1903:—Of the amount of Goods and Beer Duty charged from the 1st day of October 1902 to the 30th day of September 1903, distinguishing Brewers for Sale from other Brewers:—Of the number of Sale for Brewers for Sales for Brewers 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 1902 to the 30th day of September 1903, separating them into classes, according to the number of Barrels of Beer charged with Duty calculated at 1s. 6d. per barrel gravity; viz.: under 1,000 Barrels; 1,000 and under 10,000; 10,000 and under 20,000; 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 Barrels and over; showing separately, in each class, the quantities of Malt, unmalted Corn, Rice, &c., Sugar, including its equivalent of Syrups, &c., Hops and Hop Substitutes imported to, from the 1st day of October 1902 to the 30th day of September 1903, distinguishing England, Scotland, and Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 40 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

Mr. Mount, supported by Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Mr. Gulland, and Mr. Malcolm, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Musical Copyright: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. MacVeiagh, supported by Mr. Field, Captain Donelan, Mr. William McKillop, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Forrell, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. John O'Donnell, presented a Bill for the improvement of the position of Tenants in Towns in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Saturday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Trevelyan, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. Charles Douglas, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. McCre, Mr. Macnamara, Mr. Albert Rolfe, and Mr. Whitley, presented a Bill to provide for the separate assessment and rating of Local Yards: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Rennard, supported by Mr. Shrewsbury, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Mr. Albert Rollf, Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Mr. Norman, Mr. Thomas Budge, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Nasse, 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 15th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Osmond Williams, supported by Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Walter Pater, Mr. Jacoby, Sir Albert Rollf, Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Mr. Norman, Mr. Thomas Budge, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Nasse, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Weights and Measures: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Seely, supported by Sir Gilbert Marriage with Parker, Sir William Brampton Garvin, Lord Edmund FitzGibbon, Mr. Haddock, Mr. Matthew White Ridley, Sir Joseph Leese, Mr. MacIvor, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Charles Shaw, Sir John Barrington Simon, and Mr. Mehaffy, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Marriages with a Deceased Wife's Sister: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Poulton, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. Wood, Mr. Bedard, Mr. John Burns, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Jacoby, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Trades Unions and Trade Disputes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Field, supported by Mr. Forrest, Mr. Local Government (Ireland) Acts Amendment 25, 1903: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. O'Neill, supported by Sir Thomas Blishen, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. Hugh Law, Mr. M'Gowern, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Kilbride, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Trades Unions and Trade Disputes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Plummer, supported by Mr. Charles Merchant, Mr. Euston Cecil, Colonel Deny (shipping) and Aloysius M'Hugh, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. Hugh Law, Sir Francis Evans, Mr. Field, Mr. John Leng, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Remnant, Sir Albert Rolfe, Sir Robert Reporter, and Mr. Charles Wilson, presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to Lighthouses, and to abolish Light Dues: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Osmond Williams, supported by Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Walter Pater, Mr. Jacoby, Sir Albert Rollf, Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Mr. Norman, Mr. Thomas Budge, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Nasse, 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 15th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Samuel Roberts, supported by Mr. Stuart- Hall-marking Wortley, Sir Benjamin Stone, Sir Joseph of Foreign Dimsdale, Mr. Remnant, and Mr. Norman, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.
General Louris, supported by Mr. Spear, Mr. Cohen, Sir George Fardell, and Mr. Louis Sinclair, presented a Bill for the enfranchisement of Leasenhall: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Louis Sinclair, supported by Sir Albert Rollit, Sir William Holland, Sir John Brunner, Sir Howard Vincent, Sir Ernest Flower, Sir J. Fortescue Flannery, and Sir Joseph Lawrence, presented a Bill to establish a bureau for a Minister of Commerce: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Price, supported by Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Tomkinson, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Field, Mr. Henry Longley, and Mr. Ernest Gray, presented a Bill to provide for the 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 the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Remnant, supported by Mr. Goulding, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. John Hope, Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. Claude Hay, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Maconochie, Mr. Forde Ridley, and Mr. Gower, 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 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Take, supported by Sir Michael Foster, Mr. Hallirone, Dr. Forgyharson, Captain Jewell, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. T. P. O'Conner, Mr. Heywood Johnsone, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Moon, Sir Charles Dalbymgale, and Sir John Dargor ling, presented a Bill to provide for the reorganization of Children after the age of twelve: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Vaughan-Davies, supported by Mr. Brunner Jones, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Osmond Williams, Sir Alfred Thomas, and Mr. Kenyon, presented a Bill to provide for improving and extending the procedure for obtaining Parliamentary Parliamentary Parliamentary Parliamentary Provisional Orders in matters relating to Wales: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cripps, supported by Mr. Waterton and Mr. Henry Hobhouse, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the inclosure of Local Taxation: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Francis Sharp Pownell, supported by Sir William Wilson-Todd, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Sir John Dargorling, Dr. Forgyharson, Mr. Briggs, Sir John Brunner, and Sir Walter Foster, presented a Bill to make further and amended provision to prevent the pollution of Rivers and Streams: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Goulding, supported by Mr. Remnant, and Mr. Lloyd-Gough, Mr. John Hutton, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Duke, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Cortile, Mr. Claude Hay, Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. Samuel Roberts, and Sir Albert Rollit, 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 3rd day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Spear, supported by Mr. Duke, Mr. John O'Callaghan, Mr. Albert Rollit, Mr. Goulding, Colonel Williams, and Mr. Radnile, 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 20th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Hunter Craig, supported by Mr. Crombie, Mr. Cameron Carruth, Mr. Black, Sir William Home, Mr. Owen, Mr. Eugene Wason, and Mr. Robert Wallace, 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 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Perks, supported by Mr. Charles Wilson, Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. John Burns, Mr. Ernest Flower, Mr. Charles Hobhouse, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Kemp, Mr. McCrow, Mr. Mellelbe, Mr. Nenneett, Sir John Stratton Simon, and Mr. Tenmast, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Shops: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Kerr Hardie, Mr. Abertyeg, Mr. Jones, Mr. Logan, Mr. Maccanama, Captain Norton, and Mr. Shackleton, presented a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections, and thereby to abolish University Representation, and to remove the disabilities of Women: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Redmond, supported by Mr. Irish Tobacco Hayden, Sir Thomas Esmond, Mr. Charles Bill, Deolin, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and Mr. Joyce, presented a Bill to repeal the Law which prohibits the growing of Tobacco in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Logan, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. Local Authorities Purchase of Land) Bill, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Maccanama, Mr. Shackleton, and Mr. Tomlin, presented a Bill to provide for the taxation and purchase of Land by Local Authorities: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.
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Wason, Mr. Harman Dower, Mr. John Deans Hope, and Mr. Ainsworth, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the tenure of Small Holdings in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberts, supported by Sir Alfred Sunday Thomas, Mr. Herbert Lewis, and Mr. William Closing (Wales) Act, 1881, and to make further Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (Motion for an Address.)

The House resumed the Debate.

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

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The House divided.

The Yeas and the Noes were as follows:—

Yea, 

Mr. William M'Arthur: 192. 

Mr. Fowlers: 274. 

So it passed in the Negative.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned:—(Mr. Joseph Walton):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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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 62 has been complied with; viz.—

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 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

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 62 has not been complied with, viz.:—

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 62 has not been complied with, viz.:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders do consist of Thirteen Members:—Sir John Brunner, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas Emmond, Mr. Hartley, Mr. Humphreys-Beecroft, Mr. James Lowther, Sir James Rauick, Mr. William Reid, Colonel Stopford-Sackville, Sir Mark M'Gaffag Stewart, Mr. Whitmore, and Mr. Wodehouse were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Mr. Halley.)

Mr. Blake, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir John Davenport, Sir William Hart Dyke, Dr. Forgharson, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. McKeown, Sir Mark M'Gaffag Stewart, Mr. Whitmore, and Mr. Wodehouse were nominated Members of the Committee of Selection, with the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.—(Mr. Halley.)

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrich presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Views of the Government of India on the question of Preferential Tariffs.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract of Returns relating to Pilots and Pilotage in the United Kingdom (continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 312 of Session 1902) [as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities], for the year ended 31st December 1902.

Copy of Statements of Accounts and of Life Assurance Assurance and Annuity Business, and Abstracts of Actuarial Reports, deposited with the Board of Trade under the Life Assurance Companies Acts, 1870, during the year ended 31st December 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Training Report under the Commons Act, 1876, by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries upon an application for a Provisional Order for the regulation of Oxshott Heath, in the Parish of Cobham, in the County of Surrey.

Copy of Report under the Commons Act, 1876, by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries upon an application for a Provisional Order for the regulation of Merrow Downs, in the Parish of Merrow, in the County of Surrey.

Copy of an Order, dated the 14th October, 1893, revoking the Orders of the Board of Agriculture under the Destructive Insects Act, 1877, dated respectively the 22nd August, 1901, the 31st May, 1902, and the 5th June, 1902.

Ordered, That the said Papers lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Commons Act, 1876, be printed.

Mr. Victor Constandish presented,—Return to Brewers' Licenses.

Mr. Victor Constandish also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, relating to the consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the financial year ended 31st March 1903, for the interest and management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other issues in the financial year for services charged directly on the said fund; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General theron.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 12th August, 1903, granting to Thophilus Evans, Inspector of Postmen and Telegraph Messengers, Worcester Post Office, a retiring allowance under the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 16th October, 1903, granting to George Howells, Assistant to the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Post Office, a retiring allowance under the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 3rd October, 1903, granting to Charles Hadfield, 3rd Class Clerk in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Post Office, a retiring allowance under the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 13th November, 1903, granting to Commander Francis Alfred, Navigating Commander, H.M.T.S. "Mornarch," Post Office, a retiring allowance under the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st November, 1904, granting to Commander Francis Alfred, Navigating Commander, H.M.T.S. "Mornarch," Post Office, an additional retirement allowance under the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st November, 1903, granting to Commander Francis Alfred, Navigating Commander, H.M.T.S. "Mornarch," Post Office, an additional retirement allowance under the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st November, 1903, granting to Commander Francis Alfred, Navigating Commander, H.M.T.S. "Mornarch," Post Office, a further retirement allowance under the Act.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to
Brewers' Licences and the Consolidated Fund be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Returns from the Clerks of the Crown and Peace in Ireland of the number of persons
committed for Trial in the year 1903.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular
Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3118 to 3120.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the
Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor under 53 Vict.
c. 5, s. 162, of the number of Visits made, and the number of Patients seen, by the several
Commissioners in Lunacy during the six months ending on the 31st December 1903.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 25th day of April next, the Re-
vaccination Bill was read, and discharged.

Orderd, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 3rd day of June next, the Ministry of
Commerce Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of June next.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Mr. Thomas Bayley, Sir
Walter Foster, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Keay Hardy, Mr. Theodore Taylor, Mr. McKenna,
and Mr. Herbert Lewis, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coal Mines: And
the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and
to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment
proposed upon the 2nd 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. Laurence Hardy];

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Protective
Duties.

Commercial Treaty Rights.

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:—

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof
the words "But it is our duty, however, humbly
to represent to Your Majesty that our effective
deliberation on the financial service of the
year is impaired by conflicting declarations
From Your Majesty's Ministers. We respect-
fully submit to Your Majesty the judgment
of this House that the removal of protective
duties has for more than half a century
actively conduced to the vast extension of the
trade and commerce of the realm, and to the
welfare of its population; and this House
believes that, while the needs of social im-
provement are still manifold and urgent, any
return to protective duties, more particularly
when imposed on the food of the people,
would be deeply injurious to our national
strength, contentment, and well-being."—[Mr.
John Morley].

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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which
was proposed to be made to the Main Question
proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant
February, That an humble Address be presented
to His Majesty, as followeth:

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Evening Sitting.

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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. Laurence Hardy];

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Protective
Duties.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill; and then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 6.]

Tuesday, 9th February 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Private Bills
(Standing Order 68 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 68 has been complied with, viz.:

- Donagh Railway Bill.
- Norwich Water Bill.
- Southend Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 68 has been complied with, viz.:

- Corbridge Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Private Bills
(Standing Order 68 complied with.)

Corbridge Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Corporation of London (Southwark and other Bridges) Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Doncaster Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies Acts Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant February.

The Hamiton-in-Arden Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Kirkgate-in-Ashfield Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Lightwater Improvement Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

The Sheffield, Laughton, and Maltby Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Southwell Nether Urban District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Thames River Steamboat Service Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Dumbarton Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Tramways and Improvement Radcliffe Act, 1899, relating to Dumbarton Tramways: And that Mr. Graham Murray and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Kilmarnock Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Tramways and Improvement Radcliffe Act, 1899, relating to Kilmarnock Corporation: And that Mr. Graham Murray and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Transvaal Transvaal Government Three per Cent. Guaranteed Stock, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, respecting the Jurisdiction of the Court of Session, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Aches-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Acts,
made by the Lord Chancellor under Section 29 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1878, as to the taking of recognisances by the Governor of a Prison.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order, the Clydesdale Bank Order, the Electric Power Order, Part V, of the Kirkcaldy Corporation Order, the Clyde Navigation (Shieldshall Dock) Order, the Clyde Navigation (Works) Order, and the Yeung and Bell's Patents 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. Secretary Arnold-Forster presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Statement of the amount due by the public to depositors in Military Savings Banks on the 31st March 1901, and of the receipts, interest, and disbursements in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on 31st March 1902, &c.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of April in the last Session of Parliament, for 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 Common affected by an Award, 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.

Ordered, That the said Return 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 9th day of February; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry Hobhouse, supported by Sir Patrick Roman O'Brien, Mr. Dillon, Captain Dawson, Lord Edmund Talbot, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Mr. James Hope, and Mr. Alfred Thomas, was sworn.

Mr. M'Kean, supported by Mr. Patrick Roman, was sworn.

Mr. M'Kean, supported by Mr. Patrick Roman O'Brien, Mr. Dillon, Captain Dawson, Lord Edmund Talbot, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Mr. James Hope, and Mr. Clancy, presented a Bill to abolish disabilities still affecting Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom, as to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 6th January 1903 to the 6th January 1904.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of Cottages applied for in every Poor Law Union in Ireland under the last completed scheme in connection with the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, together with the number of applications for extra half-acres to Cottages already built under the Acts under said scheme ; how many of these applications for Cottages and extra half-acres were sanctioned; and the amount of expenses connected with such scheme ; and in what way applied.—(Mr. O'Shaughnessy.)

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 Statistics relating to Trade with Tibet since the date of the signing of the Convention of 1890, giving particulars regarding the quantity, classification, and value of the annual Exports from British India to Tibet of (a) non-Indian merchandise ; (b) Indian merchandise ; and (c) of Exports from Tibet to British India.—(Sir Mancheejee Bhownagery.)

The Honourable Albert George Henry Gibb, New Member, for the City of London, was sworn.

Joseph Dobie, Esquire, Member for the Ayr District of Burghs, was sworn.

Sir Thomas Wrightson, supported by Mr. Small Claude Hay, Mr. Graham, Mr. Peel, Sir Alfred Hickman, Captain M. Mouns, Mr. Courtenay, Mr. Peace, Mr. Jesse Collings, and Mr. Griffiths, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899 : And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant February ; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry Hobhouse, supported by Mr. John Haywick Darlington, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Mr. Bill. Bill.

Mr. Raymond Johnstone, and Mr. Herbert Lewis, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Highways: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of this instant February ; and to be printed.

Mr. M'Kean, supported by Mr. Patrick Roman O'Brien, Mr. Dillon, Captain Dawson, Lord Edmund Talbot, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Mr. James Hope, and Mr. Clancy, presented a Bill to abolish disabilities still affecting Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. John Burns, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Tennant, and Mr. Trenegy, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of Wages Boards : And
the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Buxton, supported by Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Sir Robert Reid, 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 Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Campbell, supported by Mr. Clancy, Mr. Aloysius M'Hugh, and Mr. O'Shaunessy, presented a Bill to amend the Jury Acts in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sheehy, supported by Mr. Clancy and Mr. Patrick Aloysius M'Hugh, presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Irish Lights Board: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next; and to be printed.

Captain Donelan, supported by Mr. Clancy, Mr. Field, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Doogan, Mr. James O'Connor, and Mr. Nanetti, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Irish Lights Board: At the close of debates, the same as ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next: and to be printed.

Mr. Doogan, supported by Captain Donelan, Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, Mr. Condon, Mr. Patrick Aloysius M'Hugh, Mr. Killorin, and Mr. Farrell, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Irish Lights Board: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Address in answer to His Majesty's Speech shall, until concluded, have precedence of all other Orders of the House, and of Notices of Motion, at all sittings for which they are set down.—(Mr. Secretary Aches-Douglass.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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, for the time being, do offer to Your Majesty our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy);

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Protective Amendment proposed, That those words be there added:—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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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, for the time being, do offer to Your Majesty our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy);

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Protective Amendment proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir Charles Dilke):—It was resolved in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks: And that Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Sir William Howlidworth, Mr. Cripps, Mr. Cunliffe, Mr. Bateh, Mr. Robson, and Sir Albert Hallit do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Easement of Light: And that Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Robson, and Mr. Hallit do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Fletcher Moulton presented a Bill to Trade Marks consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks: And that Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Sir William Howlidworth, Mr. Cripps, Mr. Cunliffe, Mr. Bateh, Mr. Robson, and Sir Albert Hallit do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Fletcher Moulton presented a Bill to Easement of Light: And that Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Robson, and Mr. Hallit do prepare, and bring it in.

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And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners in the result of an inquiry held in the County Borough of Sunderland 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 Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (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.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners in the result of an inquiry held in the County Borough of Gateshead 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 Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (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.)

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

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

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

Wednesday, 10th February 1904.  

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.  

THE Kettering Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

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, 1899, they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

- Clyde Valley Electrical Power.
- Gurvan Burgh (Electricity).

Lithium Electric Power.  

Young and Bell's Patents.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Victor Cowdren, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sums required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1904.  

Mr. Victor Cowdred also presented, pursuant to the Directions of several Acts of Parliament, Cornwall. —An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in the year ended on the 31st December 1903.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 4th February 1904, declaring that Charles Dyer, Viewer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through insubordination on the part of the head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers and Estimate do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate and the Paper relative to the Duchy of Cornwall be printed.

Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the Sea Fisheries Regulations Act, 1888, for the variation of the Order creating the Southern Sea Fisheries District.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon outdoor Friday the 25th day of March next, the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (Motion for an upon the 8th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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. Lawrence Hotby);  

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Protective Question to add the words "But it is our duty, however, humbly to represent to Your Majesty that our effective deliberation on the financial service of the year is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's Ministers.  

We respectfully submit to Your Majesty that our effective deliberation on the financial service of the year is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's Ministers.  

"Our representatives, aiming at a just and permanent settlement of the trade and commerce of the realm, and to the welfare of its population; and this House believes that, while the needs of social improvement are still manifold and urgent, any return to protective duties, more particularly when imposed on the food of the people, would be deeply injurious to our
10th—11th February, 1904. [No. 8.]

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of Examiners of Petitions for Standing Order 63, and the Paper referred to on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:

*Colney Hatch Gas Bill.*
*London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill.*
*Richmondworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill.*

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of Examiners of Petitions for Standing Order 63, and the Paper referred to on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:

*Chippingham Gas Bill.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The East London and Lower Thames Electric Railway Bill was read a second time; and ordered committed.

The North and South Woolwich Electric Railway Bill was read a second time; and ordered committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Damberton Tramways Order Confirmation Bill,* as amended in the Committee.

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

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Atherstone Douglas presented, Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903, to be made by the Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903.

Copy of a Licence to be at large granted to the Independent State of Transvaal, under the Penal Servitude Acts to *Florence Fishery Regulation Act,* 1888, which are annexed to the Copy of the said Licence.

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

Mr. Secretary Lytton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Transvaal Labour Transvaal Commission. Copy of Reports of the Transvaal Labour Transvaal Commission, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence and Report from His Majesty's Consul at *Congo* respecting the administration of the Independent State of the Congo.

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

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster presented, by Army Order, His Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further amount that will be required during the year ending 31st March 1904 to meet the expenditure in excess of that provided for in the Original Army Estimates for the year, for the Pay, Transport, Supplies, &c. of the Army.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon *Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill,* was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant February.

"national strength, contentment, and well-being." (Mr. John Morley); And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—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 8th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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. Lawrence Hardy);

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Question to add the words "But it is our duty, however, humbly to represent to Your Majesty that our effective deliberation on the financial service of the year is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's Ministers.

We respectfully submit to Your Majesty the judgment of this House that the removal of protective duties has for more than half a century actively conduced to the vast extension of the trade and commerce of the realm, and to the welfare of its population; and this House believes that, while the needs of the people, would be deeply injurious to our national strength, contentment, and well-being." (Mr. John Morley);

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

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Thursday, 11th February 1904:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day:

And then the House, having continued to sit till one hour after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had selected the following Eight Members to be the Panel to serve on Unopposed Bill Committees under Standing Order 109:—Mr. Brynmor Jones, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Heydon Johnstone, Mr. Miller, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Worsley-Taylor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had selected the following Six Members to be the Chairman's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of the two Standing Committees to be appointed under Standing Order 49:—Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas Esmond, Sir James Ferguson, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Mr. Laurence Hardy, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Metropolitan Improvement ( Funds ) Bill was read a second time. Battersea, presented, pursuant to Order of the House, a Bill to authorise the appropriation of the surplus funds derived from Battersea Park towards the opening of the Mall from Charing Cross and other Metropolitan Improvements, was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant February, That the words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 12th February 1904:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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

The House met at Twelve o'clock.

Prayers.

The Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Electric Power Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, dated the 4th February 1904, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, granting a retired allowance to Edward Joseph Cary, a Messenger in the Office of the Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented,—Return Tibet (Trade to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 9th day of February, 1904): No. 45.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next.

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 62 has been complied with, viz—:

Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats) Bill.
Great Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with

Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz—:

Thames Steamboat Trust Bill.
Wellington (Somerset) Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with

Standing Order 62 has been complied with, viz—:

Ilford Urban District Council.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 15th February 1904.

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 63 has been complied with, viz—:

London, Camberwell, and Dulwich Tramways Bill.
North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill.
Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Substitute from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, and which the Chairman of Ways and Means had directed to originate in the House of Lords, he has certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz—:

Clyde Valley Electrical Power [Lords].
Lothians Electric Power [Lords].
Young and Bell's Patents [Lords].

The Bishop's Stortford and District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

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

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

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

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

The Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant February (Evening Sitting).

Ordered, That Standing Orders 204 and 235 be suspended, and that the Chelsea Electricity and Power-Gas Bill be now read a second time, (The Chairman of Ways and Means.) The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

The Dumbarton Tramways 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 Order made upon the 4th day of this instant February, That the Plymouth and North Devon Direct Railway (Abandonment) Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldecott.)

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Commons (Indemnity Awards), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.


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Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence regarding the Transvaal Labour Question. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of 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 Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st December 1903.

Appropriation Account of the sums granted to the Army (Appropriation Account) for the year 1902–3; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Store Accounts of the Army. Appropriation Account of the sums granted to the Navy (Appropriation Account) for the year 1902–3; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Store Accounts of the Navy.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Super-superannuation Act, 1859, dated 30th January 1904, nexus, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Inspector General in Bankruptcy 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 Greek Loan, Navy (Appropriation Account), and Army (Appropriation Account) be printed.

Mr. Protzman presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Russo–Chinese War, the draft of a Protocol of Peace, the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid before the House.—Copy of Convention respecting payment of Treaty Sums paid in the United States, in accordance with the instructions given by the Joint Commission appointed by the United States and the Chinese Government, at Washington, 5th June 1863, and being printed.

Earl Percy presented, by his Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Russian occupation of Manchuria and Newchwang.

Copy of Convention respecting payment of Treaty Sums paid in the United States, in accordance with the instructions given by the Joint Commission appointed by the United States and the Chinese Government, at Washington, 5th June 1863, and being printed.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 3121. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid before the House:—Copy of Chambers' Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, for the year ending 31st December 1903.
American Mail Service.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of days, hours, and minutes occupied in the transit of the Royal Mails, both outward and inward, carried during the year 1903 by Steamships between Queenstown and New York, between Southampton and New York, and also between New York and other points; the Return to specify the names of the Steamers, and to indicate by asterisk or otherwise those not carrying Mails under contract. — (Sir John Leng.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of Statement of the number of Passengers relieved on the 1st day of January 1904; and similar Statement for the 1st day of July 1904 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 199 of Session 1893). — (Mr. Grant Lowson.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ to the Clerk of the Crown, to make Bill. — (Sir John Leng.)

Proprietary (England and Wales) (Half-yearly Statements).

York (West Riding) (Southern Part, Normanton Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ 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 York (Southern Part of the West Riding, Normanton Division), in the room of Benjamin Pickard, Esquire, deceased. — (Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

New Member sworn.

John Bamford Slack, Esquire, Member for the County of Herts (Mid or Saint Albans Division), was sworn.

Coal Mines (Employment) Bill.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Keir Hardie, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Sir William Holdens, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Bryan Jones, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Bell, Mr. Cremer, and Mr. Joseph Walton, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Acts which relate to Employment; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. MCrae, supported by Mr. Bryce, Sir John Long, Mr. Munro Fergusson, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Eugene Watson, Mr. John Dower, and Mr. Robert Sissons, presented a Bill, and Mr. Sissons, moved, and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of April next; and to be printed.

Lands Valuation (Scotland) Bill.

Dr. Farquharson, supported by Mr. Haldane, Sir Thomas Wrightson, Sir James Joicey, Sir John Tate, Mr. Crawford Smith, Mr. Munro Fergusson, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Black, Mr. Colston, Mr. Eve, and Dr. Thompson, presented a Bill to regulate the qualification of trained Nurses, and to provide for their registration: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ministerial BILL.

Mr. Tennant, supported by Mr. Albert Rollit, Sir William Houldsworth, Sir Alfred Thomas, Mr. Thornton, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Middlemass, Mr. Hunter Cruies, and Mr. Holdasue, presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Public Libraries by removing the existing limit to the amount of the Library Rate: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Tennant, supported by Captain Norton, Mr. Hugh Laws, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Mr. John Burns, Sir John Dickson-Poynder, and Mr. Peet, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the provisions for escape from Fire in Factories and Workshops: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Proprietary (England and Wales) (Half-yearly Statements).

York (West Riding) (Southern Part, Normanton Division) Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ to the Clerk of the Crown, to make Bill. — (Sir John Leng.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ 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 York (Southern Part of the West Riding, Normanton Division), in the room of Benjamin Pickard, Esquire, deceased. — (Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

New Member sworn.

John Bamford Slack, Esquire, Member for the County of Herts (Mid or Saint Albans Division), was sworn.

Coal Mines (Employment) Bill.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Keir Hardie, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Sir William Holdens, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Bryan Jones, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Bell, Mr. Cremer, and Mr. Joseph Walton, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Acts which relate to Employment; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. MCrae, supported by Mr. Bryce, Sir John Long, Mr. Munro Fergusson, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Eugene Watson, Mr. John Dower, and Mr. Robert Sissons, presented a Bill, and Mr. Sissons, moved, and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of April next; and to be printed.

Lands Valuation (Scotland) Bill.

Dr. Farquharson, supported by Mr. Haldane, Sir Thomas Wrightson, Sir James Joicey, Sir John Tate, Mr. Crawford Smith, Mr. Munro Fergusson, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Black, Mr. Colston, Mr. Eve, and Dr. Thompson, presented a Bill to regulate the qualification of trained Nurses, and to provide for their registration: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ministerial BILL.

Mr. Tennant, supported by Mr. Albert Rollit, Sir William Houldsworth, Sir Alfred Thomas, Mr. Thornton, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Middlemass, Mr. Hunter Cruies, and Mr. Holdasue, presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Public Libraries by removing the existing limit to the amount of the Library Rate: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Tennant, supported by Captain Norton, Mr. Hugh Laws, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Mr. John Burns, Sir John Dickson-Poynder, and Mr. Peet, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the provisions for escape from Fire in Factories and Workshops: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the King's Speech (Motion for an Address), if under discussion at twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). — (Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (Motion for an Address,) was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant 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—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy); Which Amendment was at the end of the Protective Question to add the words "But it is our Duty, however, humbly to represent to Your Majesty that our effective deliberation on the financial service of the year is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's Ministers. We respectfully submit to Your Majesty the judgment of this House that the removal of protective duties has for more than half a century actively conduced to the vast extension of the trade and commerce of the realm, and to the welfare of its population; and this House believes that, while the needs of social improvement are still manifold and urgent, any return to protective duties, more particularly when imposed on the food of the people, would be deeply injurious to our national strength, contentment, and well-being"—(Mr. John Morley); And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate this evening. 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 8th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant 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—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy); Which Amendment was at the end of the Protective Question to add the words "But it is our Duty, however, humbly to represent to Your Majesty that our effective deliberation on the financial service of the year is impaired by conflicting declarations from Your Majesty's Ministers. We respectfully submit to Your Majesty the judgment of this House that the removal of protective duties has for more than half a century actively conduced to the vast extension of the trade and commerce of the realm, and to the welfare of its population; and this House believes that, while the needs of social improvement are still manifold and urgent, any return to protective duties, more particularly when imposed on the food of the people, would be deeply injurious to our national strength, contentment, and well-being"—(Mr. John Morley); And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate this evening. And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.
Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 11.]

Tuesday, 16th February 1904.

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 Standing Orders, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

Mullingar, Kells, and Drippehal Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Orders, Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Brixham Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Orders, Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Govan Burgh (Electricity) (substituted) Bill [Lords].

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 Standing Orders, Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

London United Tramways (Railways),

Middleborough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways.

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 Standing Orders, Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Bristol Tramways (Extensions).

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

Bristol Tramways (Extensions).
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

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

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

The Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Donogal Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Scheme with respect to Norman’s or No Man’s Land, Hillingdon East: And that Mr. Fellowes and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm an amended Scheme with respect to Farnborough Common, Broad Street Green, Leech’s Green, and Green Street Green: And that Mr. Fellowes and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Fellowes presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme with respect to Farnborough Common, Broad Street Green, Leech’s Green, and Green Street Green: 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. Fellowes presented a Bill to confirm an amended Scheme with respect to Farnborough Common, Broad Street Green, Leech’s Green, and Green Street Green: 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. Victor Cavendish 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 1903; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for the expense of the Ordnance Factories for the year ended 31st March 1903; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Twelfth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Inspection Committee of Trustees Savings Banks for the year ended 30th November 1903, with Appendix.

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


Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations for State Inebriate Reformatory Institutions Act, 1897 to 1903 (Regulations) (Ireland).
Mr. Jesse Collings, supported by Colonel Long, Mr. Goulding, Sir Frederic Curteaux, Mr. Carlile, and Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence, presented a Bill to amend the Small Holdings Act, 1892: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings, supported by Sir John Dörington, Mr. Spear, Sir John Kennaway, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Sir Lewis Medcalf, Colonel Kenyon-Stanley, Mr. William Mitchell, and Lieutenant Colonel Pease-Jones, presented a Bill to provide facilities for the sale of Land to occupying tenants and others in England and Wales: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings, supported by Sir John Kennaway, Mr. Rothchild, Mr. Seymour Ormby, Gour, Sir Ernest Flower, Mr. Spear, Mr. Morrell, Colonel Webb, and Sir J. 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 Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberts, supported by Sir Alfred Thomas, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. Herbert Lewis, 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 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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. Laurence Hardy);

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Transvaal Question to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is highly inexpedient that sanction should be given to any Ordinance permitting the introduction of indentured Chinese Labourers into the Transvaal Colony until the approval of the colonists has been formally ascertained"—(Mr. Herbert Samuel);

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Malcom)—: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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 Tuesday the 15th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Easement of Second Reading of the Easement of Light Bill; Light Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of March next.

The wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvement Improvement (Funds) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

[No. 12.]

Wednesday, 17th February 1904.

The House sat at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

O R D E R E D, That Mr. Speaker do issue Birmingham a 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 Writ the Borough of Birmingham (South Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Joseph Powell - Williams, deceased.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)
The Great Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Eastern (Steamboats) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Thames Steamboat Trust Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Wellington (Somerset) Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

The Kilnsmoor Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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 Estimate of the further amount required during the year ending 31st March 1904 beyond the sum already provided in the Grant for Navy Services for the year. Navy Estimates for the year 1904-5, with Navy Explanations of differences.

Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Navy Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1904-5.

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

Mr. Secretary Luttelton presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 26 (Nigeria, Report on a Series of Mineral and Vegetable Products from Northern Nigeria, by Professor W. H. Dusant, Director of the Imperial Institute).

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1904.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Public Petitions Select Committee on Public Petitions; That Petitions had been examined the Petitions presented upon the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th days of this instant February, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Sir James Haslett, supported by Mr. Wolff, Resident Magistrates, presented, by His Majesty's Command, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Charles Craig, and Mr. Magistrates of the Duchy of Lancaster, O'Doherty, presented a Bill to make provision for the appointment and remuneration of Resident Magistrates in Belfast: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir James Haslett, supported by Mr. Wolff, Winter, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. Thomas Aspass, presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of Winter Assizes in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Emmott, supported by Mr. James Heath, Registration Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir William Holland, and Mr. Walter Palmer, presented a Bill for the registration of Electric Carriers and Steamboats carrying on business under trade names: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, supported by Mr. Bonar Law, presented a Bill to provide for the adjustment, in accordance with changes of boundary effectuated under the London Government Act, 1899.
1899, of the areas within which local authorities and companies are authorised to supply Electricity; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ainsworth, supported by Mr. John Dewar, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Weir, and Mr. Harmsworth, presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crofters' Holdings in Scotland; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ainsworth, supported by Mr. John Dewar, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Weir, and Mr. Harmsworth, presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Crofters' Holdings in Scotland; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Caldecott, supported by Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Hunter Craig, Mr. Trenchpin, Mr. John Hope, Mr. Ainsworth, and Mr. Dobie, presented a Bill to provide for the taxation for local purposes of Land Values in burghs in Scotland; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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. Laurence Hardy);

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Transvaal Question to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is highly inexpedient that sanction should be given to any Ordinance permitting the introduction of indentured Chinese labourers into the Transvaal Colony until the approval of the colonists has been formally ascertained"—(Mr. Herbert Samuel);

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Thursday, 18th February 1904:
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—
Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood, 330.
Mr. Fellowes, 172.
Mr. Herbert Gladstone, (Mr. William M'Arthur)
Mr. William M'Arthur:

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed; And it being after Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill:—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection Committee on the Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
18th February. 1904. [No. 13.]

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Copy of (1) Resolutions adopted by the Council of Queen's College, Belfast, on the 4th December 1903, and by the Corporate Body on 9th December 1903; (2) Irish Government Letter of 17th December 1903 in acknowledgment of same; (3) Letter of 11th January 1904 from the President of University College, Dublin; and (4) Irish Government Letter of 15th January 1904 in acknowledgment of same. —(Mr. Wyndham.)

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Return. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Electric Lighting (London) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills. —(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Mr. Alexander Cross, supported by Mr. T. House-leasing (Scotland) Bill, that a Bill to deal with the system of House-leasing in the burghs of Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd-Morgan, supported by Mr. Wharton, Mr. Abel Thomas, and Mr. John Sutton, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of the expenses of jurors attending assizes and quarter sessions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir William Holland, supported by Mr. Crombie and Mr. Parkes, presented a Bill to amend the Law in regard to the mortgaging of premises containing Trade Machinery: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir William Holland, supported by Sir John Canal Traffic Brunner, Mr. Crombie, Mr. Emmott, Mr. Field, Mr. Charles Holhouse, Sir Alfred Hickman, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Joseph Walton, Mr. Whitley, and Mr. Welf, presented a Bill to provide for the better regulation of Canal Traffic, and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of March 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 the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cochran presented a Bill to enable Provisional Orders to be made for removing any invalidity or doubt attaching to Marriages by reason of some informality: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, supported by Sir Edward Baring at Streeter, Sir William Houlsworth, Sir John Dighton, Mr. Cowley, Sir William Tomlinson,
Mr. Emmott, and Colonel Boyd, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the rating of hereditaments containing Machinery: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir, supported by Mr. Lescow-Gower, Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Cathcart Watson, Mr. John Dewar, Mr. Bignold, Mr. Harworts, and Mr. Calder, presented a Bill to admit to the School Board (Scotland) Act, 1886, and the said Board to be entitled to vote for the County Council Election: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir, supported by Mr. John Dewar, Mr. Lescow-Gower, Mr. Cathcart Watson, Mr. Bignold, Mr. Harworts, Mr. Ainsworth, and Mr. Calder, 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 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas 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 upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant February, a 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. Laurence Hardy)—

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Irish Land Question to add the words "But we humbly represent to Your Majesty that serious amendments, including the abolition of the zones system, are required in the Irish Land Act of last year to prevent the unjust inflation of the price of land in Ireland; and that the powers possessed under that Act by the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board for the acquisition of untenanted lands such as the Congested Districts Board unanimously asked for in 1895 should be conferred upon that body, and upon the Estates Commissioners acting under the Land Act of 1903; and that provision should be made that sales in cases of congested estates under that Act should be made only to the Board or the Estates Commissioners—(Mr. Patrick Aloysius McHugh)— And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:— 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 Friday morning; Friday, 19th February 1904:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Sir Thomas Esmond) 194.
Yea's, (Captain Dowelan) 219.
Tellers for the (Sir Alexander Acland) Hood, (Mr. Popham) Noes; So it passed in the Negative. And the Main Question being again proposed; And it being after Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvement Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvement (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 Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

Friday, 19th February 1904.

The House met at Twelve 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 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill.
- Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill.
- Great Northern and City Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.
- Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Bill.
- North Staffordshire Railway Bill.
- Surrey Commercial Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Kilmarnock Adjournment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Kilmarnock Corporation 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. Prestwyk presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of Members of the Interview Committee on the selection of candidates for nomination as Naval Cadets.

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, for the Month of December 1903, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 2nd 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. Lawrence Hardy);

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made Labour to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And, further, we desire humbly to express our regret that, in view of the distress arising from lack of employment, Your Majesty's advisers have not seen fit to recommend the creation of a Department and Minister of Labour fully empowered, inter alia, to deal effectively, acting in conjunction with local administrative authorities, with such lack of employment, mainly by the execution of necessary public works, adfrostoration, and, further, by encouraging an increase in the numbers of those employed in agricultural pursuits."—(Mr. Keir Hardie.),

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 Yeas, Mr. Crooks:—

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fellowes:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed.

—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time:

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas put; and it was declared the Noes were one; the Yeas were one Mr. Fellowes, the Question was thereupon 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 Supply, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Ways and Means, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial 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 Medical Act (1869) 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 Public Trustee 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 Merchandise Marks 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Local Authorities to adopt the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896: And that Captain Jessel, Mr. Joseph Pease, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Sir William Wilson-Todd do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the enactments relating to injury to live stock by Dogs, and otherwise to amend the Law relating to Dogs: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the same was read the first time; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Crystal Palace District Gas Bill be read a second time To-morrow; and committed.

Ordered, That the Great Northern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the North Western Electricity and Power Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Clyde Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. F. Fellows presented a Bill to consolidate Dogs Bill, and amend the enactments relating to injury to live stock by Dogs, and otherwise to amend the Law relating to Dogs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

[No. 15.]

Monday, 22nd February 1904.

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 (Standing Private Bills. That in the case of the following Private Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with the Standing Order $2 has been complied with, viz.;—

Midland Railway Bill.

Wotton and District Tramways (Extension of Time) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Electric Lighting (London) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Electric Lighting (London) Bill.

Ordered, That the City of the 18th day of this instant February, Orders in the case of the following Bill have been complied with, viz.;—

Preston and Lytham Tramways and Tram-road.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to authorise the Trustees of the Clyde Navigation to construct a dock at Shieldhall, and other works; to borrow additional money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Trustees of the Clyde Navigation to construct quays, wharves, and basins at Yorkhill and Merkland, and river walls, tramways, and other works; to make further provision with respect to the storage of goods, tolls and rates, and the borrowing of additional money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Secretary Abercromby represented,—
Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors, &c.) (United Kingdom). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Abercromby presented,—
A Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relating to the conduct of Trade Disputes, and to alter the Law relating to the Storage of Goods, and for other Purposes. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Abercromby presented,—
A Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relating to the Liability of Trade Union Funds: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whittaker, supported by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Henry Joseph Follon, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Bigger, presented a Bill to enable localities by a direct vote to prohibit the sale of Intoxicating Liquors: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

(On the Committee.)

Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz. —

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Vote 1, Subhead F (B) (Pay, &c. of Colonial Contingents, South Africa), be reduced by £10,000.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | 128.
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Mr. Buchanan | Yes |
Mr. Charles Hepburn | No |
Sir Alexander Islaand | Yes |
Hoon | No |
Mr. Fellowes | No |

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 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.

**Evening Sitting.**

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr. Macnamara);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

**Tuesday, 23rd February 1904:**

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 156,

Mr. William M. Arthur;

Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 212.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply.

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 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 Electric Lighting (London) 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 Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 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 Penal Servitudes 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 Sale of Butter 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 Dogs 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 Nurses Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) 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 Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment Bill—(In the Committee.)

Clausels No. 1 to No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return comprising (1) The Reports made to the Charity Commissioners in the result of an Inquiry held in the County Borough of Bolton 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 Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (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 Reports.—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.)

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 do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. James Bailey, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Cremer, Mr. Dalziel, Sir Horatio Davie, Sir Thomas Firth, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Jacoby, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Lonsdale, Dr. Mace-Donnell, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. George Ormsby-Gore, Mr. Pierpoint, Mr. Powner, Mr. William Redman, and Sir Harry Samson.

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 fourteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Standing Order 62 has been compiled with, viz.:

- Bexhill Water and Gas Bill.
- Croydon Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

- Marylebone Chapels (Saint James, Westminster Street).

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

Ordered, That the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crystal Palace District Gas 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 Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of this instant February, 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.—(Mr. Cochranes)

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903, which was not presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Second Report.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, 1903, which was not presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University of the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Aberdeen, of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen for the year ending 15th September 1903.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the Intermediate directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Education Majesty's Command.—Copy of Memorandum Travellers.

summarising the regulations in force in Foreign Countries with regard to British Commercial Travellers.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Commercial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial (Ireland) Travellers.

summarising the regulations in force in Foreign Countries with regard to British Commercial Travellers.

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

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

1. That in the case of the London United Tramways, Petition for Bill, the Standing United 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, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 2a, and 2b be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

2. That in the case of the Tramways (Railways), Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first two Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hailey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee, for the consideration of all Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee:—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Baird, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Boland, Mr. Griffith-Bacon, Mr. John Burns, Mr. O'Connell, Sir Charles Cogzier, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Coghlan, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jesse Collings, Sir John Colomb, Mr. Cremer, Mr. Crombie, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Donagan, Sir J. Fortescue Flannery, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Gulloway, Mr. Garfit, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir William Headlam, Sir James Joicey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Eliott Lee, Mr. Lloyd-George, Colonel Long, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Dr. Macdonell, Mr. William Mc-Killop, Sir William Mather, Mr. William Maxwell, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Pico Prsc, Colonel Pilkingston, Sir James Bankin, Sir Charles Renou, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Albert Reill, Mr. Scordon, Mr. Buncianne, Mr. T. W. Russell, Sir Henry Seaton-Kerr, Mr. Shockley, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Sir John Barrington Simon, Sir Edward Stockey, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Theodore Taylor, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Whitley Thomson, Sir William Tollemache, Mr. Tully, Sir William Walrond, Mr. George Whiteley, Colonel Williams, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Young.

Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee: That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to Law, and Criminal Procedure, and Legal Procedure which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee:—The Lord Advocate, Mr. Agg-Gardner, Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Arthur-Jones, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Barron George, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Boland, Mr. Butcher, Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Coghill, Mr. Colton, Mr. Cripns, Mr. Charles Dille, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Tutton Egerton, Mr. Arthur Elliot, Mr. Samuel Evans, Mr. George Faber, Sir George Fardell, Mr. Flynn, Sir Frederick Godson, Mr. Goulding, Mr. Henry Goddard Green, Mr. Holdeme, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. James Heath, Mr. Helder, Mr. Serjeant Hemphil, Mr. Henry Holdhousen, Mr. John Hutton, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Bray Jones, Mr. Jordan, Sir Leo Kaneda, Mr. William Frederick Lawrence, Sir Joseph Leese, Colonel Leggs, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Loder, Mr. Loyd, Mr. Macdon, Mr. Steff MacNell, Mr. Middleroe, Mr. William Moore, Mr. Arthur Morton, Captain Norton, Sir Francis Sharp Ponsell, Colonel Price-Jones, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Bryn Roberts, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Mr. Parker South, Mr. Soames, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Stevenson, Sir Benjamin Stone, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Ure, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Robert Wallace, and Sir John Woodhouse.

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 additional Member to act as a Commissioner:—Mr. Charles Dougl. Forster rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, To Colonial Marriages Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next.

The Order for reading a second time, To Medical Act (Scotland) 1886 Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next.

Mr. Crigg, supported by Sir George Bartley, Municipal Corporations Bill 94.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committee of Ways and Means, and Money Committees authorising the expenditure of public money other than the Committee of Ways and Means, and Money Committees, may be entered upon at any hour after Midnight though opposed, and shall not be interrupted under the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Pretyman):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

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

(Navy Supplementary Estimates, 1903-4.

1. £1,270,000 (supplementary) in respect of the following Navy Services, viz.:—

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The Resolution to be reported.

Army (Supplementary Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:—

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Vote 1, Subhead F (C) (Pay, &c. of the Corps of Imperial Yeomanry, South Africa), be reduced by £100—(Mr. Charles Holohan) Debate arising: Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Penitentiary (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvement (Funds) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

railway rates and defective transit facilities generally constitute a serious bar to the material advancement of Ireland, and should receive immediate attention from the Government—

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Wednesday, 24th February 1904:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Captain Donelan,
Yea, Mr. Patrick O'Brien; 87.
Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-
Noes, Mr. Fellowes: 121.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ootinters' Valley Water Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Transit and Subsidy F (C) (Pay, &c. of the Corps of Imperial Yeomanry, South Africa), be reduced by £100.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Charles Hohhouse, Yeas, Mr. Courtney Wararner: 122.
Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-
Noes, Mr. Fellowes: 190.

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 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 Second Reading of the Richsmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water 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. Disraeli.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Sir Joseph Lowe rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Sir Frederick Banbury, 24.
Yea, Colonel Lockhart: 150.
Noes, Mr. Rothschild: 150.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, excessive
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Sale of Butter Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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

House of Commons.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1 (Sittings of the House), I hereby nominate—The Right Honourable Charles Belfy Stuart-Wortley, The Right Honourable Henry Hobhouse, 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 Gully,
Speaker.

3rd March 1904.

[No. 17.]

Wednesday, 24th February 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

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The Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Northern and City Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) 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 Arnold-Foster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates of Effective and Non-effective Services for the year ending 31st March 1905. Estimate of the sum required for the year ending 31st March 1905 to defray the expense of the Ordnance Factories.

Copy of Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War relating to the Army Estimates of 1904–5.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Private Orders, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Legislation Procedure Report by the Board of Trade under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, respecting the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order, and the objects thereof.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 3122.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will graciously consent to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the numbers and rate of mortality from (a) accident, (b) other causes, among (1) the white miners, artisans, and labourers employed in the Rand Mines; (2) all classes of natives in the Rand Mines; (3) the British Central African natives in the Rand Mines; (4) the natives in the Rhodesian Mines; and (5) the natives in the De Beers Mines, Kimberley, during the last twelve months for which statistics are obtainable,—(Mr. Trevelyan.)

Mr. O'Malley, supported by Sir James Haslett, Mr. Haydon, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Mr. T. W. Condon, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Clancy, Mr. McGoern, and Mr. Landon, 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 Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

(Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903–4. Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £7,200 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 Royal Palaces: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £7,200 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Whiteley): Debate arising; Sir Joseph Leese rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question put, That the Question be now put, and agreed to. Question put accordingly, That a sum not exceeding £7,200 be granted for the said service. The Committee divided, Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley], [Mr. Layland-Barratt]; 124. Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], [Mr. Folkestone]; 161. Mr. Victor Cavendish claimed, That the Original Question be now put.

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Original Question put accordingly, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £7,300 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 Royal Palaces.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes] 170.
Noes, [Mr. Travலgaben] 166.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £18,800 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 Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £13,800 be granted for the said service—(Mr. O’Mara),—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £31,000 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 Stationery, Printing, and Binding for the public service, to pay the expenses of the Stationery Office, and the cost of Reports of Parliamentary Debates:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £30,000 be granted for the said service—(Mr. Whitley):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,900 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 certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £1,900 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Swift MacNeill):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Swift MacNeill—]
Yea, [Mr. Lebrewhier] 126.
Noes, [Sir Alexander Acland—] 124.
Tellers for the [Mr. Fellowes—]
Yea, [Mr. Travலgaben] 126.
Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] 124.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £29,500 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 expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland—Debate arising;

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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Treasury in withholding the Irish Equivalent Grant for Technical Education is a violation of the intention of Parliament and a gross injustice to Ireland—(Mr. Sheehy);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmont—]
Yea, [Captain Donelson] 80.
Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] 124.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners’ Second Reading of the Coroners’ Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Tuesday the 8th day of March next.

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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of this instant February; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Butter Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Bill; Second Reading of the Dogs Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
[No. 18.]

Thursday, 25th February 1904.

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 62 has been complied with, viz.:

London and Indus Docks Company Bill.
London and North Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further powers on the London United Tramways (1901), Limited, for constructing tramways, and widening and altering roads, and acquiring lands, in the Counties of Middlesex, Bucks, Surrey, and London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order made upon the 9th day of this instant February, That the Reading Corporation Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldecott.)

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

Mr. Secretary Alera-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Marquess of Ormonde, K.T., preserved at Kilkeney Castle. New Series, Vol. III.


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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 602.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1905; together with a Copy of the Memorandum by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating thereto.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February 1900, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners Vol. 159.

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 62 has been complied with, viz.:

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Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the said Return 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 showing the names of the Volunteer Batteries which have been supplied with 47 Quick-firing Guns.—(Colonel Pilkington.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return giving the names of the Local Authori-

ties in Ireland for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order made upon the 9th day of this instant February, That the Reading Corporation Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 7th day of March next.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. False

Solicitor General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to false statements with respect to the financial position of Companies or other bodies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Macdonald, supported by Mr. Talbot, Mr. Foreign

Rathaskild, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Mr. Churchill, Mr. M.

Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. T.

Samuel Evans, Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Stuart

Talbot, presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Marriages between British Subjects and Foreigners: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply

into the Committee of Supply.

(Afternoon.)

Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a

supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz. —

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Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10) — £3,430,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Vote 1, Subhead H (Gratuities to the Troops for Active Service), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Buchanan).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Acland-]Hood — 127.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 184.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Vote 1, Subhead K (Pay, &c. of the Somaliland Expeditionary Force), be reduced by £100 —(Mr. Buchanan).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Buchanan] — 130.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 187.

Sir George Barlow 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—Hood] — 204.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien] — 137.

Question put accordingly, That Item Vote 1, Subhead BB (Pay, &c. of the Somaliland Expeditionary Force), be reduced by £100.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Broadhurst] — 128.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead B (Pay, &c. of the China Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Flynn).

Mr. Joseph Devlin 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.

Question again proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead H (China Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000 — put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Charles Hobhouse] — 74.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 88.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Vote 6, Subhead C (Sea Transport), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Buchanan).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Devlin] — 85.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 114.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead E (China Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Flynn).

Mr. Joseph Devlin 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.

Question again proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead C (Sea Transport), be reduced by £10,000 — put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Acland—Hood] — 137.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien] — 98.

Question put, That the Question be now put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland—Hood] — 104.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 150.

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

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

(Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz. —

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Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10) — £6,130,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Vote 6, Subhead B (Land and Inland Water Transport Abroad), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Charles Hobhouse).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Charles Hobhouse] — 74.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 88.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Vote 6, Subhead C (Sea Transport), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Flynn).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Devlin] — 85.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 114.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead E (China Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000 —(Mr. Flynn).

Mr. Joseph Devlin 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.

Question again proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead E (China Expeditionary Force, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000 — put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Acland—Hood] — 137.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien] — 98.

Question put, That the Question be now put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland—Hood] — 104.
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes] — 150.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply, into the Committee of Supply.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead F (Somaliland Expeditionary Forces, Transport and Remounts), be reduced by £10,000—(Mr. Charles Hobhouse):—Debate arising;

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster 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:—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Hobhouse: 129.]
Yea. [Sir Joseph Leicester: 129.]
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: 129.]
Noes [Mr. Fellows : 120.]

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Vote 6, Subhead BB (South Africa, Expenditure in connection with Imperial Military Railways), be reduced by £5,000—(Mr. Buchanan):—Debate arising;

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas 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:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 26th February 1904:

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: 170.]
Yea. [Mr. Fellows: 170.]
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan: 113.]
Noes [Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 113.]

Question put accordingly, That Item Vote 6, Subhead BR (South Africa, Expenditure in connection with Imperial Military Railways), be reduced by £5,000.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan: 112.]
Yea. [Sir Joseph Leicester: 112.]
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: 171.]
Noes [Mr. Fellows: 171.]

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas claimed, That the Original Question be now put.

Original Question put accordingly, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: 169.]
Yea. [Mr. Fellows: 169.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Goddard: 109.]
Noes [Mr. Runciman: 109.]

Resolution to be reported.

And it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 the Ways and 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of this instant February;

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 24th day of this instant February;

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 Improvements (Funds) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Super- Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Butter Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.
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25th—26th February 1904.

[No. 19.]

Friday, 26th February 1904.

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 following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Barnet District Gas and Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:

- Feltstone Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thompson, His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, to the Secretary of State for Scotland, in the circumstances attending an Explosion of nitro-glycerine which occurred in the precipitating and final washing-houses of the factory of the National Explosives Company, Limited, at Upton Towans, Hayle, Cornwall, on the 5th January 1904.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Electoral Act of Western Australia, No. XXXV. of 1904.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourteenth 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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright 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;

Mr. Joseph Declin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House adjourned.

Mr. Reddy rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House adjourned.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures—[Mr. Menz]—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures," and inserting the words "Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure"—[Sir Frederick Banbury],—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 "Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure" be added, after the word "on," in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Right Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Hours) Bill.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Claude Hay, Mr. Spear, Mr. Bowd, Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Moon, Mr. Terburgh, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Crooks, Mr. William Frederick Lawrence, and Mr. Boustead do propose, and bring it in.

Mr. Claude Hay accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the further protection of the Children of Vagrants: And that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 19.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Mercantile Second Reading of the Mercantile Marks Bills;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations Corporation Bills;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Women to be elected and act as members of Town and County Councils in Scotland:—And that Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Balfour, Colonel Dewey, Mr. Charles Douglas, Mr. Muir Ferguson, and Mr. Ure do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Parker Smith accordingly presented a Bill to enable Women to be elected and act as members of Town and County Councils in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bill and Cooper Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Whithy Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Southend Water Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Hampton-in-Arden Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

[No. 20.]

Monday, 29th February 1904.

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 67 has not been complied with, viz.:

Blyth and Cooper Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order 67 has not been complied with, viz.:

Strathane, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Watford and District Tramways (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order made upon the 4th day of this instant February, That the Arley Gas Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

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

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented,—(Mr. Museum, John Morley); Mr. 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 read; setting forth, That the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of thirty thousand pounds Two and one-half per Cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual dividends whereof amount for 1904-5 to seven hundred and fifty pounds; of a bequest of the late Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about three hundred and sixty pounds; of a bequest of the late Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of which amount to about seventy-two pounds; of a fund bequeathed by the late Mr. Vincent Stuckey Leav, consisting at the present time of forty-eight thousand five hundred and ninety-three pounds three shillings and twopence Stock in Local Loans; and also of a fund bequeathed by the late Mr. Charles Denny Edward Fortnum invested in Metropolitan Consolidated Three per Cent. Stock, amounting at the present time to about sixty-eight hundred and thirty-nine pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence Stock; that the establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the trust cannot with benefit to the public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.
Ordered, That the Paper relative to Western Australia, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 158B,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Bill, and the objects thereof.

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 the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1881, and the General Pier and Harbour Act (1861) Amendment Act, Session 1904.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment be referred to the Committee on the subject thereto, and that the Paper relative to Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders) do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the War Office (Reconstitution) Committee. Part II.

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 1884, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners in the result of an inquiry held in every parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of London into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that county, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each such parish, whether any, and, if any what such Endowments are recorded in the books of the Charity Commissioners in the parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of names and places mentioned in the Reports.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also 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 1903.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

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 1903 from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australia, and other countries (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 101 of Session 1903),—(Sir Thomas Denman.)

Mr. Kimber, supported by Sir George Bartley, Mr. Eugene Wason, and Mr. Lowe, presented a Bill to amend the Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill.

Mr. Laugh, supported by Mr. Hannah Hyslop, Mr. Winklyn, Mr. Marshall Hall, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Ellis Griffith, Mr. James Reid, Mr. McCree, Sir Manchejee Bhoomagree, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Tomkinson, and Mr. Osmond Williams, presented a Bill to provide for the further regulation of the sale of Poisons, and the compounding of medical Prescriptions; and to amend the Pharmacy Acts, 1852 and 1868: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Sinclair, supported by Mr. Ashton, Parliamentary Mr. John Burns, Mr. Lloyd—George, Mr. Yeates, Mr. Arkwright, and Mr. Ur, presented a Bill to amend the law as to the qualification and registration of Parliamentary Voters, and to Parliamentary Elections, and for other purposes in relation thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of July next; and to be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the House, of the adjourned debate on the Main Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—(Mr. Pretyman)—(for Committee of Supply on the Navy Estimates):—An Amendment was proposed to be made to Naval Question, by leaving out from the word "Expenditure" the words "in view of the heavy burdens placed upon the people of the country by this increasing expenditure, and in the interests of international peace, this House is of opinion that His Majesty's (government should enter into communication with the great naval powers, in order to ascertain whether they will be prepared to diminish their programmes of shipbuilding, and to adjust upon some permanent basis their relative naval strength")—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—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 Acland, Mr. Fellows). 174.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Buchanan). 122.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply (Navy Committee of Supply).—A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—(Mr. Pretyman)—(for Committee of Supply on the Navy Estimates):—And the Main Question being again proposed:—And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Supply Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs 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 Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 1st March 1904:
The Order of the day being read, for the Local
Second Reading of the Local Authorities' Officers' Super-
Supernumerary 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 Old Age Pensions
No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday the 18th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Coal Mines
Bill to amend the provisions of the Coal Mines (Regulation of
Weighing of Minerals) Act, 1887, which relate to the
weighing of Minerals: And that Mr. Holdane,
Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Calder, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. William Abernethy, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Fenwick do prepare,
and bring it in.

Mr. Holdane accordingly presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Coal Mines (Regulation of
Weighing of Minerals) Act, 1887: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 8th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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

No. 21.]

Tuesday, 1st March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Comptroller of the Household reported King's Speech
His Majesty's Answer to the Address, as follows:

I have received with great satisfaction the
loyal and dutiful expression of your thanks for the Speech with which I have opened the present Session of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for
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Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:

Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Southend Water Bill.

The Southend Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Clyde Navigation (Shieldhall Dock) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clyde Navigation (Shieldhall Dock) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Clyde Navigation (Works) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and India Docks Company Bill

The London and India Docks Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and North Western Railway Bill.

The Secretary of State for India (Mr. Amery) reported from the Standing Committee a Bill, passed by both Houses of Parliament, entitled An Act to enable Women to be elected and act as members of County and Borough Councils and Metropolitan Borough Councils, which Bill he now presented.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Channing, supported by Sir Richard Jebb, Local Authorities, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Mr. Emmott, Captain (Standing Committee, Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Bassford, Mr. Hepwood Johnstone, of Women) Mr. Yerburgh, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Bill.

Leugh, and Mr. John Barnes, 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 Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing, supported by Sir John Vaccination Rollason, Sir Goddard, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Currie, Grant, Mr. Broadhurst, 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 11th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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

Standing Committee on the Finance Bill. (In the Committee.)

The Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Standing Order 63 has been complied with, viz.:

Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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The Southend Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Clyde Navigation (Shieldhall Dock) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clyde Navigation (Shieldhall Dock) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Clyde Navigation (Works) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and India Docks Company Bill

The London and India Docks Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and North Western Railway Bill.

The Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways (Abandonment) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crystal Palace District Gas Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Return showing the expenditure from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Land Registry (New Buildings) Act, 1905, and of the expenditure; the money expended and the securities created under the said Act, for the period ended the 31st March 1905; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Education (Scotland) (Code, 1904.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Appendices, by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland, 1904.

Education (Scotland) (General Reports.)

Copy of General Report by His Majesty's Chief Inspector on the Schools in the Northern Division of Scotland for the year 1905.

Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art.

Copy of Report by the Director on the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art for the year 1905.

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

Colonies (General.)

Mr. Secretary Lyttleton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the proposed adoption of a Metric System of Weights and Measures for use within the Empire.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (2nd Report from the Committee of Supply of February) last; the 23rd day of February last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (2nd Report from the Committee of Supply of February) last; the 24th day of February last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply (2nd Report from the Committee of Supply of February) last; the 25th day of February last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvement Acts (Funds) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Super-Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Association) 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 (London) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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

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

[No. 29.]

Wednesday, 2nd March 1904.

THE House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Barnet District Barnet Gas and Water Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Dorset Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make (Eastern Division) out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to Weir serve in this present Parliament for Dorset.
Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gretton, supported by Mr. Butcher, Sir Outdoor Ernest Flower, Sir Frederic Carne Rash, and Mr. Lewis, presented a Bill to amend the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Act, 1894 : (No. 2) Bill.

And the same was ordered to be read a second Bill 166. time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

(Nov Estimates, 1904–5.

94 Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £6,591,000 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 1905:

Whereas a Motion made, and Question put, That Item A. (Wages, &c. of Officers, Seamen, and Boys) be reduced by £281,692.—(Mr. William Redmond.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Yeas, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ] 83.

Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Noes, Mr. Fellowes : 284.

Original Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Yeas, Mr. Fellowes : 273.

Tellers for the Captain Donelan, Noes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 73.

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 To-morrow.

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 being Brussels Sugar put, That the decisions of the Permanent Convention, of the Brussels Sugar Convention have operated so as to inflict grave injury on the manufacturers of sugared products in the United Kingdom, as compared with their foreign rivals, and that the Convention has failed to confer the anticipated benefits on the West Indies.—(Mr. Leaugh):

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Thursday, 3rd March 1904:

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

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. William M'Arthur : 192.

Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Yeas, Mr. Fellowes : 202.

So it passed in the Negative.
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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Purchase of Land (England and Wales) 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 Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools 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 Metropolitan Common Scheme 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 Nurses 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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister 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 Metropolitan 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 Police (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 Winter Assizes (Belfast) 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 Sale of Butter 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 Dogs 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 Provisional Order (Marrriages) 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 Sale of Butter Bill; 
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Education (Scotland) (Continuation Classes.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations made by the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland for Continuation Classes, providing further instruction for those who have left school, 1904.

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

Railway, &c. Bills.

No. 81.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return, dated the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Railway, &c. Bills.

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

Deaths from Starvation, or accelerated by Privation (London.)

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 all Deaths in the Administrative County of London, in the year 1903, upon which a Coroner's Jury has returned a verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation, together with any observations furnished by the Local Government Board by Boards of Guardians, with reference to cases included in the Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 279 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Talbot.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1904; and Return of the number of persons admitted to visit the Museum and the British Museum (Natural History) in each year from 1898 to 1903, both years inclusive; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the arrangement and description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1903.—(Mr. John Morley.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

British Museum.

Message from the Lords.

Dumbarton Tramways Ordinance Confirmation Bill.

Newcastle Chapter (Amendment) Bill (Lords.)

Reformatories and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

Bill 107.

Old Age Pensions (No. 5) Bill.

Bill 109.

Sir James Rankie, supported by Mr. Laurence Hardy, Mr. Hector, Sir Mark MacTaggart Stewart, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Boswell, presented a Bill to establish a system of Old Age Pensions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Graham Murray, supported by the Lord Cognosco Advocate, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, as to the style and title of the Commissioners, the execution of deeds by them, and the application of the fund constituted by the said Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Black, supported by Mr. Weir, Mr. Decor, Foreign Trawlers’ Certificates (Special Consignees) Bill, presented a Bill to provide for the better prevention of fishing by Foreign Trawl Vessels within areas closed to British Trawl Vessels: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harmsworth, supported by Mr. Weir, Trawlers’ Certificate (Special Consignees) Bill, presented a Bill to enable Courts to suspend the Certificates of Trawlers convicted of illegal travelling: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

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

(Neal allotted Day.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £6,634,200 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 1905: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries and Allowances of Superintending Officers and others) be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Whitby):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Dockyards at Home) be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Whitby):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C (Dockyards Abroad) be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Whitby):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item D (Dockyards Abroad) be reduced by £4,000.—(Mr. William Redmond):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Duselaan, Yea, 102.

Mr. Patrick O’Brien: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.

Mr. Fellows: 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 made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
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Resolved, That this House will, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Eating Sitting.

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

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1904-5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £1,634,200 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 1905:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item E (Naval Barracks and General Fleet Services) be reduced by £7,000.—(Mr. Runciman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Courtenay Warner, Mr. Broadhurst; Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes;)

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Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Black;)

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Original Question again proposed:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item E (Marine Barracks) be reduced by £2,000.—(Mr. Runciman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood; Mr. Black;)

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Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Whiteley; Mr. Black;)

109.

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising:

Mr. Pretzman rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. Question put, That the Question be now put. The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 4th March 1904:

Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Yeas, (Mr. Fellowes;)

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Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley; Mr. Black;)

109.

Original Question put accordingly, That a sum not exceeding £1,634,200 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 1905.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Courtenay Warner; Mr. Fellowes;)

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Tellers for the Captain Donelan; Mr. Patrick O'Brien;)

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Resolution to be reported.

And it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

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Friday, 4th March 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Blyth and Cowen's Gas Bill.

Metropolitan Common Scheme (Farnborough) Provisional Order Bill.

Metropolitan Common Scheme (Billingdon East) Provisional Order Bill.

Public Petitions. Vide Third Report. Bankruptcy Courts (Ireland.)

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns of the Official Assignees 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 1903.

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

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the year ending 31st December 1903. An Estimate showing the several Civil Services and Revenue Departments for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1904. 

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

Mr. Walter Long presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of February last, for a Return relative to Pauperism (England and Wales) (Half-yearly Statements). 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; 

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.) 

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; 
The House divided. 

The Yeas were 162; The Noes, 199. 

So it passed in the Negative. 

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sunday Closing of the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Dwellings Second Reading of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Act Second Reading of the Medical Act (1880) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Supernumerary Separation (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Trustee Second Reading of the Public Trustees Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Monday, 7th March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAyERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Whitby Gas Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Amersham, Beaconsfield, Amersham, and District Water Bill be read a second time, and committed.

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

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

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant March (Evening Sitting).

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Report made by the Board of Agriculture certifying the expediency of any Provisional Order for the inclosure or regulation of a Common, and presented to the House during the last or present Sessions, before a Bill be brought in for the confirmation of such Order.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power, in respect of each such Provisional Order, to inquire and report to the House whether the same should be confirmed by Parliament; and, if so, whether with or without modification; and in the event of their being of opinion that the same should not be confirmed, except subject to modifications, to report such modifications accordingly, with a view to such Provisional Order being remitted to the Board of Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twelve Members; Seven to be nominated by the House and Five by the Committee of Selection.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Astle-Hood.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Kilmarnoch take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Kilmarnoch Corporation Order Confirmation Bill; and the same were Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Marylebone praying that provision may be made for Lighting Bill.
be made in the Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill enabling the Petitioners to enter into an agreement with an Electrical Company for the erection and equipment of a generating station, 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 Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplement to the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops for the year 1902: Return of persons employed in Factories, Workshops, and Laundries.—Textile Factories, Laundries.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Mr. F. H. Dale, His Majesty's Inspector of Schools, Board of Education, on Primary Education in Ireland.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Training of Teachers in Scotland, for the year 1902-3.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, dated the 3rd March 1904, revoking Order No. 6794, defining a Foreign Animals Quarantine Station at Southampton.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 158B, —Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Suddellworth and Springhead Tramways (Abandonment) Bill, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 3124.

Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Spain providing for the settlement by Arbitration of certain classes of questions which may arise between the two Governments, Signed at London, 27th February 1904.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Further Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of August 1898, 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 Lancaster into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that county, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1857; (2) a Return 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.

Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of February last, for Reports relative to Inquiry into Charities (County Borough of Bolton).—Ordered, That the said Reports be printed.

Mr. John Edward Ellis, Member for Nottinghamshire (Rushcliffe Division), 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 omission of the Prime Minister to give the House a full account of the proceedings in relation to the causes and circumstances of the resignations of a number of the Members of his Cabinet during last autumn, especially having regard to the statements made by them as to such causes and circumstances," and the pleasure of the House having been signified — the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Trade of the United Kingdom with Germany, a Return showing the value of Imports into the United Kingdom from, and Exports from, the United Kingdom to, the German Empire during the last ten years, as recorded in (a) the German official Returns, (b) Reports of the Board of Trade; together with a Memorandum explaining, as far as possible, the discrepancies between the German and British figures, and the method of collecting the data upon which the Returns are based employed in the United Kingdom and Germany respectively.—(Mr. Matthew White Ridley.)

William Parrott, Esquire, Member for York New Member (West Riding) (Southern Part) (Normanton shown), Division, was sworn.

Mr. Cathcart Wason, supported by Sir Local William Arrol, Mr. Weir, Sir Andrew Agnew, William, Mr. Eugene Watson, Mr. Alexander Cross, Mr. Harroworth, Colonel Denny, Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. James Reid, Mr. John Dewar, and Sir John Betty, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir Herbert Maxwell, supported by Colonel Sale of Kenton-Stoney, Captain Balfour, and Mr. John Edward Gordon, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the sale of Whisky; and to provide for the marking of casks and other vessels containing Whisky: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (Army Committee of Supply);

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—Mr. Secretary Arnold-Foster,—(for Committee on the Army Estimates);

An Amendment was proposed to be made imperial to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to enable His Majesty, in times of
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"imperial emergency, to raise money to an amount not exceeding £5,000,000 for military purposes without the previous consent of Parliament."—(Mr. James Hope),—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 again proposed:—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 Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Edward Ellis);

The House divided.

The Yeas and the Nays were called for;

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Corrie Grant: 172; Sir Alexander Islay: 237. )

So it passed in the Negative.

Supply (Army Estimates.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant March, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster)—(for Committee on the Army Estimates);—And the Main Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 8th March 1904:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of February 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 24th day of February 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 25th day of February 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 1st day of this instant March;

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 March;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign 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 Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the better training and registration of Nurses, and for the voluntary registration of Private Nursing Homes: And that Mr. Claude Hay, Mr. Bignold, Mr. Henry David Greene, Captain Bujay, Lord Cecil Manners, and Mr. Malcolm do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Claude Hay accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the better training and registration of Nurses, and for the voluntary registration of Private Nursing Homes: 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 three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Tuesday, 8th March 1904.

Prayers.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Bill and Coopem 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 Hampton-in-Arden Gas 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 Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant March (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clyde Navigation (Shedhall Dock) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Crombie, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Haywood Johnstone, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Loyd, Mr. John Campbell, and Mr. Freeman-Thomas were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Commons.—(Sir Alexander Ardenv-Hood.)

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

Mr. Victor Cavadish presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing all the sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1902 and the 31st March 1903, and of the Liabilities and Assets of the Treasury Chest on the latter day; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Super-annuation Act, 1887, dated the 3rd March 1904, Act, 1887, granting to William Matthews, 1st Class Clerk, Controller’s Office, London Postal Service, a retired allowance under the Act.

Annual Balance Sheets showing the cost of Navy manufacturing Provisions, Victualling Stores, (Victualling Yard Manufacturing Accounts, 1902-3) as well as Statements showing the waste and loss resulting therefrom; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Treasury Chest and Navy (Victualling Yard Manufacturing Accounts, 1902-3) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Resolution of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec on Irish Affairs, with the Reply thereto.

Copy of Despatch from the Secretary of the Emigration Information Office for the year ended 31st December 1903. (Colonies.)

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton also presented, Jamaica, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Regulations for the administration of the Prisons in Jamaica.

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

Sir William Assou presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the London Office for the year ended 31st December 1903. (Colonies.)


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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Inhabitants Majesty’s Command,—Copy of First Report of the Inspector for Scotland, under the Inhabitants’ Acts, for the period to 31st December 1903.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Account of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1903; together with the Account for the above period, and that from 20th July 1899 (the date of the Irish Church Act) to the 31st March 1903.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print and circulate with the Votes the Minutes of their Proceedings, and any amendedClauses of Bills committed to them.—(Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice.)

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

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 Lancaster [North East Lancashire, Rossendale Division] in the room of Sir William Muther, Knight, 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. Robert Spencer.)

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

1. That in the case of the Midlothian, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct so much of Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 2A as is outside the Urban District of Eston be struck out of the Bill, unless the necessary consents of the local and road authorities to Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 2A be proved before the Committee on the Bill, and provided that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 4 and 5, and so much of Tramway No. 3 as is outside the Borough of Thornaby-on-Tees, be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far each Order has been complied with.

2. That in the case of the Strabane, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway Bill Standing Order 67 ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that all the townlands in the Parish of Convoy be omitted from the Schedule to the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far each such Order has been complied with.

3. That in the case of the Leyton Urban District Council, Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 128 in the case of the Petition of the Dairymen, &c. within the Urban District of Leyton against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

4. That in the case of the Acton Improvement Bill, Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 128, in the case of the Petition of the Dairymen, &c. within the Urban District of Acton against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

5. That in the case of the Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill, Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 128 in the case of the Petition of the Gas Light and Coke Company against the Bill, the Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

6. The first four 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 Strabane, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway Bill might be read; and the same being read, ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. —(Mr. Coldwell.)

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Mr. Cremer reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group D of Private Bills; That at the meeting of the Committee this day a letter was received from Colonel Wedly, Chairman 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a message from the Lords had been sent from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

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 for the County of Lancaster. The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to the arrangement of Polling Districts in Parliamentary Boroughs; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Leeson-Gower, supported by Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Bignall, Mr. Harmsworth, Mr. Cathcart Watson, and Mr. John Dewar, presented a Bill to amend the Standing Orders (Scotland) Bill 1894. The same was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Channing, supported by Sir Walter Town, Sir John Brunner, Mr. Emmott, Mr. Holdsworth, and Sir James Woodhouse, presented a Bill to give compensation to occupying tenants of Town Holdings for beneficial improvements; 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 resuming Supply (Army Estimates), the Adjourned Debate on the Motion that Leave be given to print and circulate with the Votes the Memorandum of Polling Districts for the Boroughs; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House divided. The Yeas were a majority. 

Mr. Speaker moved, That the Committee may have leave to report the Bill to the House.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Emmott, Mr. Holdsworth. 
Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Cleland. 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Supply. 

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Mr. Speaker moved, That the Committee resolve into Supply. 

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Mr. Speaker then proposed, That a Motion be made, and the Question being Parliamentary proposers, That this House is of opinion that Elections means should be given to Seamen and Fishers—

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men to record their votes at Parliamentary Elections, when by reason of their calling they will be absent at sea on the day of the poll.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Fishermen" and inserting the words "on duty."—(Mr. Bell.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "at sea," and inserting the words "on duty."—(Mr. Bell)—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 "on duty" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House is of opinion that the Irish Valuation Acts are desirable, in order to enable a revaluation of rateable property in all classes of ratepayers, and to be brought into force in an effective manner.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir Frederick Banbury, Mr. Blake, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Victor Caucutt, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Sir Thomas Conyngham, Mr. Goddard, Sir William Drummond Gordon, Sir Arthur Hayter, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Sir Robert Moncreiffe, Mr. Pym, and Mr. Verney.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be forthwith 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant March.

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

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members.

Ordered, That the Committee will, this day, receive Supply [26th February] and Mr. Speaker hath directed the Speaker to receive the same on behalf of the House, forways and Means.

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

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 25th day of February 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 2nd day of this instant March;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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.
Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Labourers' Dwellings in Ireland; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904–5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 257,000, 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 1905:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 257,000 be maintained for the said service. — (Mr. Buchanan.)

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being resolved put, That this House, noting the continued agitation in favour of preferential and protective Tariffs, which is encouraged by the language used by certain of His Majesty's Ministers, deems it necessary to express its condemnation of any such policy—(Mr. Fison);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Thursday, 10th March 1904:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas, 243. Mr. William M'Arthur;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir Alexander Acland- Hood, 289. Mr. Fison;)

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women's Property Act (1892) Amendment 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 8th day of this instant March, That the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) 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 Electric Lighting (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 28.]

Thursday, 10th March 1904.

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 complied Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, with

Standing Order 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

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

The Whitby Gas Bill was read the third time, Whitby Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Great
take into consideration the Great Northern and
City Railway (Extension of Time) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barnet District Gas and Water Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next (Evening Sitting).

A Bill for conferring further powers on the
Imperial Tramways Company, Limited; for constructing tramways, and widening and altering roads, and acquiring lands in the North Riding of the County of York, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order made upon the 9th day of February last, That the Sheffield, Langton, and Maltby Railway Bill be committed, was read and discharged.
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Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

A Petition of the London County Council, praying that provision may be made in the London County Council (General Powers) Bill to enable the London County Council, in conjunction with the Councils of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Hackney and Stoke Newington, to acquire the Springfield Estate, in the Borough of Hackney, for the purpose of a public open space or pleasure ground, 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 Arnold - Forster presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Statement of the amount due by the public to depositors in Military Savings Banks on the 31st March 1903, and of the receipts, interest, and disbursements in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on 31st March 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report on Cyprus for 1902–3.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Constabulary, for the year ending 29th England and Wales.) of Constabulary, for the year ending 29th March 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Williams, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Results of Prize-firing in the Western Division of Scotland for the year 1903.

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

Mr. Pretsey, presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Copy of Results of Prize-firing in His Majesty's Fleet, 1903.

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 General Postmaster, Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Account of the Irish Land Commission for the year ended 31st March 1903, together with the Account for the above period, and that from 22nd August 1891 to 31st March 1903.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Heywood Johnson reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, That in the case of the Kettering Improvement Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Improvement 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 signed 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 there be laid before this House a Return of the Naval Expenditure of this country in the years 1880, 1890, 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903, and of the Naval Expenditure of France, Russia, Germany, and America in the same years.—(Sir Edgar Vincent.)

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 net Income and Expenditure of British India, under certain specified heads, for the eleven years from 1892–3 to 1902–3 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 93 of Session 1903).—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Public Libraries Acts (Extension) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of April next.

Mr. Bell, supported by Mr. Levy, Mr. Constitution Shackleton, Mr. Crooks, presented a Bill to amend the Constitution Act, 1866: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April Bill next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bell, supported by Mr. Joseph Walton, Mr. Burt, Mr. Walter Foster, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Emmett, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Thomas Begley, and Mr. Fenech, presented a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act 1897: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir John Gorst, supported by Mr. Herbert Vasey, Gledstone, Mr. Hulke, Sir Albert Reilly, Sir Bill. Frederic Corne Bash, Sir John Leng, Colonel Bill. Williams, Captain Balfour, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Shackleton, and Mr. Crooks, presented a Bill to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1892, and to facilitate the establishment of Labour Colonies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant March; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 277,000, 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 1905:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a number of Land Forces not exceeding 277,000 be maintained for the said service.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan, Yeas, 155.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Hobhouse: Sir Alexander Acland—Hood, 228.]

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—Hood, 259.]

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Nos. 84.]

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £9,746,000 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 Departments) which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905:

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 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;

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

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert provisions in the London County Council (General Powers) Bill to provide that a cow suspected of suffering from tuberculosis of the udder may be removed, and that a sample of such cow's milk shall be submitted before slaughter to the medical officer of health for the county for bacteriological examination, and to provide, if this examination shows evidence that the cow is so diseased, that the animal shall be slaughtered in the presence of and examined by a veterinary surgeon appointed in the way proposed in Subsection (2) of Clause 34; and to provide that, if on examination, the veterinary surgeon certifies that such cow was not suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, the Council shall pay, in addition to the compensation provided for in Subsection (3) of Clause 34, a sum not exceeding 50 per cent. of the full value of such cow immediately before slaughter, as special damages for loss of such cow; to provide that, if the veterinary surgeon certifies that the cow was so diseased, the Council shall pay compensation in the manner provided by Part (a), Subsection (3), of Section 14 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and that the Council shall also bear half of the reasonable costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of Clause 34; and to provide that the value of a cow slaughtered by the Council, whether diseased or not, shall be assessed by a valuer appointed by the Board of Agriculture, and not by a veterinary surgeon.—(Sir Edward Strachey):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Edward Strachey, Yeas, 67.]

Tellers for the [Mr. John Burns, Nos., Mr. Laugh: 165.]

So it passed in the Negative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £8,746,000 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 Departments) which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Pay, &c. of General Staff) be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Nannetti):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising:

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster 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:

—Debate resumed.

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 11th March 1904:

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—Hood, Mr. Felton: 128.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Courtney Warner, Nos., Mr. Charles Hobhouse: 87.]

Original Question put accordingly, That a sum not exceeding £5,746,000 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 Departments) which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—Hood, Mr. Felton: 134.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Nos., Mr. Arthur Henderson: 75.]

Resolution to be reported.

And it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also stated 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 3rd day of this instant March;
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 2nd day of this instant March;
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 23rd day of February last;
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 24th day of February last;
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 25th day of February last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

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

Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill.

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.

False Statements (Companies) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Improvements (Pandi) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Pandi) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Penal Servitude Bill.

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 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 Electric Lighting (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 Provisional Order (Marriage) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Butter 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 Roads 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 Improvement 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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurses and Private Nursing Home (Registration) 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 Foreign 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 Nurses and Private Nursing Home (Registration) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Qualification of Women) Act 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 3) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
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[No. 29.]
Friday, 11th March 1904.

THE HOUSE met at Twelve 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 Petition for additional provision in the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. :-

Saint Marybone Electric Lighting Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Hampton-in-Arden Gas Bill was read for the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Great Eastern Railway (Steamboating) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of draft Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prisons Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committees of Brixton Prison.

Copy of draft Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prisons Acts, 1877 and 1898, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Winchester Prison.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return relative to Coal Exports, &c.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Stanley presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of February last, for a Return relative to American Mail Service.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Mayor's—Dublin City, (Saint Stephen's Green Division) Writ.

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 Lead Poisoning reported as occurring in China and Earthworks during the years 1839 to 1903, showing (1) the number of cases in the several classes of works and in the various provinces, 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. 102 of Session 1903.) —(Mr. Cochran.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values 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 all the words after the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no change in the incidence of local taxation will be satisfactory which does not recognise the unfairness of the existing charges and make further provision for the equitable contribution of all kinds of property to such taxation"—(Mr. Cripps),—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, Mr. Watson Rutherford:—
223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. White Ridley:—
156.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put ;—Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Trevelyan):
And a Debate arising thereon;—Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vaccination Second Reading of the Vaccination Provisions Bills;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Names Second Reading of the Names Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values (Assessment and Rating) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages 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 (1886) 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 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 Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure freedom for holders of Licences for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor; And that Mr. Russell Rea, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vaull, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Layland-Barrett, Mr. Bell, Mr. Scores, and Mr. Bigg do prepare, and bring it in. Mr. Russell Rea accordingly presented a Bill to secure freedom for holders of Licences for the sale of Intoxicating Liquor; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Felixstowe Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the General Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Wellingtton (Somerset) Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Norwich Water Bill, with an Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

[No. 30.]
Monday, 14th March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

MR. VICTOR CAUDESDISH presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1876, dated 10th March 1904, declaring Yoxall to be an unhealthy place within the meaning of the Act.

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

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Naval Works Acts, 1895, Acts, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, and 1901, showing the amount of money issued out of the Consolidated Fund therefor; the amount of the surplus of income and nature of the securities created in respect thereof; the amount of money expended in pursuance of the Acts, and the purposes on which that money was expended, distinguishing the expenditure under each of the heads in the Schedule of the Acts, during the year ended the 31st March 1903; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Naval Works Acts, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, and 1901, the Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Act, 1895, Session 2; and the Public Offices (Westminster) Site Act, 1896; the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Act, 1897; and the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1898; the moneys borrowed and the securities created in respect thereof, the disposal of moneys issued to the National Debt Commissioners for temporary investment, and the expenditure under the provisions of the Acts to the 31st March 1903; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Act, 1895, Session 2; and the Public Offices (Westminster) Site Act, 1896; and the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Act, 1897; and the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1898; the moneys borrowed and the securities created in respect thereof, the disposal of moneys issued to the National Debt Commissioners for temporary investment, and the expenditure under the provisions of the Acts to the 31st March 1903; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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Captain William Abbot, Commodore of Pilots, Hull, John Edmondson, Pilot, Hull, and Robert Bond, Pilot, Hull, 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 Captain William Abbot, John Edmondson, and Robert Bond do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Captain William Abbot, John Edmondson, and Robert Bond do attend the Committee on Group No. 1 of Railway Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 24th day of this instant March, the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Tennant reported the Bishop's Stortford Borough's and District Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Russell Rea reported the Torquay Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Trade Marks Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 32nd day of this instant March.

The Order for reading a second time, To-Easement of Light Bill was read, Light Bill and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant March.

Mr. Graham Murray, supported by the Lord Princes Advocate, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Prisons in Scotland by abolishing the distinction between general Prisons and ordinary Prisons: And the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item Class I. (Board of Education) be reduced by £500. (Mr. Lloyd-George.)

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.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply. (3rd allotted Day.)

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5 (Vote on Account).)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £21,500,000 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 1905, viz.:

- Board of Education - £7,000,000

(Civil Services.)

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- Revenue Departments: £21,500,000 |
- Grand Total: £22,000,000 |

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**Notes**

- Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Report be received upon the 15th March 1904.

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**Resolution to be reported.**

**M 2**
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant March;  
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 March;  
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 10th day of this instant March (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 23rd day of February 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 25th day of February 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 26th day of February last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received 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 Electric Lighting (London) 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 Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 Provisional Order (Sales of Butter) 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Society) 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 Penal Servitude Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Accounts for the year 1902-3 of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Return of the Population and Value of Counties, Boroughs, and Parishes in Scotland.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 158B,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on the Harbour, &c.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Paper.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday 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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the supply [23rd Committee of Supply of the 25th day of February] February last a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz. :

- Vote 1. Pay, &c. of the Army - 2,000,000
- Vote 6. Transport and Remounts - 2,100,000
- Vote 7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - 2,000,000
- Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10) - 6,130,000
- £2,700,000

The said Resolution being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£2,700,000" and inserting "£1,800,000" — (Mr. M'Crae) — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£2,700,000" stand part of the said Resolution — The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], [Mr. Fellowes] — 226.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. McCrey], [Mr. Witting] — 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, And the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution; — And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, The Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert provisions in the Act of 1898 to make Electric Lighting Bills to the effect that the Council shall, once in every year after the first year's working of the electric lighting undertaking, cause to be laid before them a statement and balance sheet of the accounts of the electric lighting undertaking drawn up in accordance with the form of accounts prescribed by the Board of Trade for a local authority under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, and the Council shall thereupon fix annually the charges to be made for the supply of electrical energy in the following year at such rates (not exceeding the maximum rates specified in the Order of 1901) so that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the revenue for that year shall not be less than the estimated amount of the expenditure and of the charges for interest.
and sinking fund for that year—(Mr. Goddard):

—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the training of Teachers is a matter of national concern, and the cost of such training, so far as it falls on public funds, should be charged on the National Exchequer—(Mr. Henry Hobhouse);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting in line 2, after the word "and," the words "the greater part of"—(Dr. Macnamara).

And the Question being put, That the words "the greater part of" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the training of Teachers is a matter of national concern, and the greater part of the cost of such training, so far as it falls on public funds, should be charged on the National Exchequer.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill:

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, 16th March 1904:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [2nd] Report from the Committee of Supply of the Conspiracy (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [2nd] Report from the Committee of Supply of the Franchise (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [2nd] Report from the Committee of Supply of the Franchise (Scotland) Bill:

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Scotland) Bill:

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [2nd] Report from the Committee of Supply of the Franchise (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [2nd] Report from the Committee of Supply of the Franchise (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Report be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Ponds) 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 upon Monday next.

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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.

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

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

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

[No. 32.]

Wednesday, 16th March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

P.L.A.Y.E.R.S.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water 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. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Commander H. P. Smith, one of His Majesty's Superintending Inspectors of Factories, upon the conditions of work in Flax and Linen Mills as affecting the health of the operatives employed therein.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3120 and 3127).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, Reports No. 414 (Jamaica, Report for 1902-3).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Dilhurry and from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 29th day of February last, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th days of this instant March, 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. James Campbell, supported by Sir James Ferguson, Mr. John Edward Gordon, Mr. Maxwell, Sir Mark M'Taggart Stewart, and Sir Walter Thornburn, presented a Bill to confer an addition to the Courts of Tends in Scotland with reference to Collegiate Charges; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee of Supply; Supply of the 14th day of this instant March a 14th March Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5 (Vote on Account).

That a sum not exceeding £21,500,000 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 1905, (Vote on 30th of April):

- Civil Services.

CLASS IV.

Votes of Education—7,300,000

CLASS I.

Royal Palaces and Marlborough House—30,000

Oberlin—10,000

Royal Parks and Pensions Gardens—35,000

Houses of Parliament Buildings—15,000

Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain—30,000

Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain—15,000

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings—20,000

Revenue Buildings—100,000

Public Buildings, Great Britain—150,000

Surveys of the United Kingdom—90,000

Harbours under the Board of Trade—10,000

Peterhead Harbour—10,000

Rates on Government Property—90,000

Public Works and Buildings, Ireland—110,000

Railways, Ireland—60,000

CLASS II.

United Kingdom and England:

House of Lords Office—6,000

House of Commons Offices—12,000

Treasury and Subordinate Departments—40,000

Home Office—30,000

Foreign Office—30,000

Colonial Office—25,000

Privy Council Office, &c.—4,000

Board of Trade—75,000

Mercantile Marine Services—30,000

Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade—3

Board of Agriculture—85,000

Charity Commission—15,000

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The said Resolution being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out “£21,500,000” and inserting “£21,490,900” — (Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That “£21,500,000” stand part of the said Resolution; The House divided, The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Sir Alexander Acland-Hood 239.
Mr. Fellowes 240.
Tellers for the Noes: Sir Thomas Esmont, 128.
Captain Donelan 129.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Report of the Vote.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution: —It was resolved in the Affirmative.

_**Evening Sitting.**_

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barnet District Gas and Water Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next (Evening Sitting).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time, after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning.

_**Thursday, 17th March 1904**_

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

Tellers for the Yeas: Sir Charles McLaren 182.
Mr. Lebourchier 68.
Tellers for the Noes: Colonel Deasy.
Sir Les Kneale: 51.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government Act (Scotland) Act 1894 Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Whisky Bill; Whisky Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Conspiracy (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 15th day of this instant March, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, viz.:

Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:

Vote 1. Pay, &c. of the Army - 2,000,000
Vote 6. Transport and Remounts - 2,100,000
Vote 8. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - 2,030,000

Total - 6,160,000

Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10) - 3,420,000

£2,700,000

which was then reported from the Committee of Supply:

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 the 23rd day of February last;

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 24th day of February last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telegraph [Money]:

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Copy of Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents which formerly were, or ought to have been, in the Office of First Fruits and Tenths in the late Court of Exchequer, and which are now 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 Return of Revenues drawn from the Crown Rights in the Channel Islands in each year during the past five years, distinguishing for each island separately the amounts received from Tithes, from Fines on transfer of Property, from Seigneurial Dues, and from other sources; and stating the cost of Collection, the several payments made for local purposes, and the net amount paid into the Exchequer (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 351 of Session 1899).—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return in the following form:—

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—(Mr. Naussett.)

New Member sworn.

| Lewis Vernon Harcourt, Esquire, Member for Lancaster (North East Lancashire) (Rossendale Division), was sworn. |

Private Bills (Group E).

Sir Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past One of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Russell Rea reported the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Russell Rea reported from the Committee on Group No. 4 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the time for the completion of the authorised pier and works of the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. Vol. 159.

The Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill [Lords.] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for reading a second time, upon House-letting Tuesday next, the House-letting (Scotland) Bill (Scotland) was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

Mr. Spear, supported by Mr. Duke, Mr. Local Herbert Robertson, and Mr. Mildmay, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1888: And the same was ordered to be read a Bill, second time upon Monday the 11th day of April Bill 130. and to be printed.

Mr. Spear, supported by Mr. Duke, Mr. Infant Life Schumann, Mr. Lindsay Hoey, Mr. Mcmillan, Sir Protection John Kenmaway, Mr. Mildmay, and Mr. Allen, presented a Bill to amend the Infant Life Bill Protection Act 1897: And the same was Bill 131. ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March (Afternoon Sitting) a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

That a number of Land Forces not exceeding Land Forces. 227,000, 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 1905.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "227,000" and inserting "227,000"—(Mr. Courtney Warner),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "227,000" stand part of the said Resolution;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—Hood, Year, £ 9,746,000]

Mr. Fellows: 223.

Tellers for the [Mr. Courtney Warner, Year, £ 9,746,000]

Mr. Black: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood, Year, £ 9,746,000]

Mr. Fellows: 223.

Tellers for the [Mr. Courtney Warner, Year, £ 9,746,000]

Mr. Black: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee Supply of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March (Evening Sitting) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

That a sum not exceeding £9,746,000 be Pay, granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge Allowances, for the Pay, Allowances, and other charges of His Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Reserve, and Departments) which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905. 2.
The said Resolution being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—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 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill that they insert provisions in the Bill requiring the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, in respect of any through rates for the carriage of merchandise between foreign countries and places in the United Kingdom and which the company make or charge, or to or by which they are party, to set out in their public rate-books at the Ports of Goole and Hull, and any ports which may be hereafter established between those places, how much of each such rate is justly and reasonably appropriated by or to them, or is paid, payable, or agreed to be paid to or by them for (i.) land carriage abroad, and dock, harbour, and shipping charges abroad; (ii.) conveyance by sea; and (iii.) dock, harbour, and shipping charges at the British port; (iv.) conveyance by railway, either by goods or passenger trains, including any terminal and cartage charges, and cartriges in the United Kingdom—

(Sir William Tomlinson);

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

Tellers for the (Sir William Tomlinson.)

Yea, Mr. Courtenay Warner: 79.
Tellers for the Colonel Lockwood;

Colonel Bogoys: 103.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th of this instant March, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That a sum not exceeding £1,634,200 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expenses of Wages, &c. to Officers, Seamen, and Boys employed in the Royal Navy, and the expenses of the proposed building in the dock, harbour, and repair of the Royal Dockyards; and in the purchase of sites, grants in aid, and other expenses connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905.

The said Resolution being read a second time,

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto by leaving out "£1,634,200" and inserting "£1,633,200"—(Mr. Whitley), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£1,633,200" stand part of the said Resolution;—The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Friday, 18th March 1904:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir Alexander Acland-Boot)

Yeas, Mr. Fulches: 158.
Tellers for the Mr. Whiteley,

Noes, Mr. Buchanan: 52.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kettering Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Norwich Water 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.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Colleges and Universities, in pursuance of the College and Universities Bill, as amended, and the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Return of the number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in England and Wales in the year 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, polling pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Return of the number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in the year 1903.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Return 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 1903; together with the Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the Committee of Supply, was laid upon the Table:—Report of the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, That the petition for the additional jurisdiction of the Board of Trade has not been complied with.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Felbridge Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the General Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Coal Mines (Employment) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June 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 Friday the 22nd day of April next.

The Railways (Private Siding) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, and Manufactures.

The Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate 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, [Mr. Chapman] 96,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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."—(Sir James Joly.)

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

Sir William Holland rose in his place and declared, That the Question be now put.

The House divided:
The Yeas, [Mr. Chapman] 126,
Tellers for the [Sir James Joly] Yes, [Mr. Fenwick] 82.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided:
The Yeas, [Mr. Chapman] 114,
Tellers for the [Sir James Joly] Yes, [Colonel Kenyon-Stanley] 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 proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town and Second Reading of the Town and County Councils (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Land Values Taxation (Assessment and Rating) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 11th day of this instant March, That the Bill Land Values (Assessment and Rating) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities (Qualification of Women) Bill;

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Southend-on-Sea 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Brixham 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Great Northern Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.  Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.  Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Great Central and Midland 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.  Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

[No. 35.]

Monday, 21st March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously

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The First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:
- Appleby Corporation Gas Bill [Lords].
- London, Chatham, and Dover Railway 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, introduced in accordance with the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, 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.:
- Green Burgh (Electricity) Bill [Lords].
- Young and Bell's Patents Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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- Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Littlestone-on-Sea and 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 South Shields 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 Chippenham Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 Shropshire Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Totternhoe Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wellington (Somerset) Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Metropolitan Common Scheme (Hillingdon East) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Farnborough) Provisional Order Bill.

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

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th March, Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 17th March 1904, authorising the temporary application of surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1903-4 to meet excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Annual Accounts of the Royal Army Clothing Factory for the year 1902-3, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated 12th March 1904, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Assistant Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are requisite.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes) and Army (Clothing Factory) be printed.

Sir William Assou presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Statistics of Public Education (Public Elementary Schools, Pupils-Teacher Centres, and Training Colleges, 1902-3. Schools, &c.)
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant University of to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Glasgow for the year ending 30th September 1903.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the University of Glasgow be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Bahamas. Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Descriptive Report on the Bahamas Islands, in which is included the Annual Report for 1902.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Vanueta Command,—Copy of Award of the Tribunal (No. 1, 1904.) of Arbitration constituted in virtue of the Protocols signed at Washington, 7th May 1903, between Germany, Great Britain, and Italy, on the one hand, and Venezuela on the other hand.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. de Tatton Egerton reported from the Southill Committee on the Southall Nether Urban District Tramways 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 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.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, for 1900 and 1901, the Imports from Foreign Countries into British India, the self-governing Colonies, and the following Crown Colonies: Straits Settlements, Ceylon, Mauritius, Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad, distinguishing (a) Imports of food, drink, and tobacco; raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured; and articles wholly or mainly manufactured; and (b) principal articles (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 322 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being disagreed to: That the House disapproves the conduct of His Majesty's Government in advising the Crown not to disallow the Ordinance for the introduction of Chinese Labour into the Transvaal—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion of Mr. Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Keir Hardie, Mr. Atherley-Jones, Mr. Logan, Dr. Macnamara, Captain Morton, Mr. Shackleton, and Mr. Sheeian, that the House doth not agree with the Report from the Committee of Supply of February 24th, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day,

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That the Report of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the Report from the Committee of Supply of February 23rd, upon the 21st day of this instant March, This House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution (Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4) which was then reported from the Committee of Supply;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph [Money] 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 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 Labourers (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 Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) 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 Reformatory and Industrial Schools 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 Penal Servitude 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 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; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marrages) 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 Sale of Butter Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs 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 Army (Annual) 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 Second Reading of the Pharmacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Purchase of Land (England and Wales) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrancy Second Reading of the Vagrancy 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 Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation 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 Highways 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 Competency Suspension Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage with Second Reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Ordered. That there be laid before this House a Return relating to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure in Great Britain and Ireland) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1904 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 295 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Joseph Allier Faux.)

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

[No. 36.]

Tuesday, 22nd March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Feliformio Gas Bill.

The Feliformio Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

General Gas Bill.

The General Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Kettering Improvement Bill.

The Kettering Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Norwich Water Bill.

The Norwich Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bexhill Water and Gas Bill.

The Bexhill Water and Gas Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Staffordshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sutton Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sutton Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Middleton, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramway Bills.

The Metropolitan Common Scheme (Farnborough) 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 Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports on the constitution and functions of Ministries of Commerce or analogous branches of Foreign Administrations. Vol. 159.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports (Annual Series, Nos. 3128 to 3130).—Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return relating to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure in England and Wales) for the year 1904 of the number of Paupers relieved (Monthly Statement) by the 31st day of March 1904 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 41 of Session 1903).—No. 106. (Mr. Grant Lauson.)

Mr. Walter Long accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return in respect of Labourers' Cottages in England and Ireland, showing (1) county; (2) rural district; (3) valuation of rural district; (4) number of Labourers' Cottages styled built, (b) in course of construction; (5) amount of loans sanctioned, (b) received; (6) amount required to be raised annually in repayment of loans sanctioned; (7) amount which would be raised by the maximum rate of one shilling in the pound allowed for the purposes of Acts; (8) rate per pound required to raise amount specified in column 6; (9) present poundage rate levied on rural district for Labourers Acts purposes; (10) amount of Exchequer Contribution for the year ended the 31st day of March 1904; (11) amount of rent received from tenants of cottages and plots during year; (12) unissued balance, if any, of county's share of Exchequer Contribution; (13) total county's share of payment, and for all Ireland; (14) the Return to be made up on the 31st day of March 1904 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 192 of Session 1898).—(Mr. O'Shaughnessy.)

Mr. Russell Rose reported from the Committee on the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, Petition for Dispensation, and additional provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with; that the parties be entitled to introduce the additional provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That in the case of the Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords.] the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be entitled to proceed with their Bill, and that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 7 and 9 be struck out of the Bill; that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 3 and 5 be struck out of the Bill, unless the consent of the Warmley Rural District Council be proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the powers to construct Tramway No. 4 be struck out of the Bill, unless the consent of the Examiner that the consents of the local and road authorities have been obtained, and that the Standing Orders applicable to that tramway in other respects have been complied with; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

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

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 rearranging the boundaries of the Dioceses of Bristol and Gloucester and Bath and Wells; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Justice of the Peace Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to Justices, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ipswich Dock Commission Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to enable the Ipswich Dock Commissioners to construct certain works in connection with their docks; to make a tramway and tram-road; to raise additional money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the powers of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board with respect to the levying of rates; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.) Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the time for the completion of certain railways by the Barry Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ipswich Dock Commission Bill [Lords.]

The Ipswich Dock Commission Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords.]

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.

Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Justice of the Peace Bill [Lords.] Bill 134.

The Justice of the Peace Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Coal Mines (Weighing of Minerals) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Coal Mines (Weighing of Minerals) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of April next.

Supply (29th February) Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, viz.:

Vote 1. Pay, &c. of the Army - 2,700,000
Vote 6. Transport and Remounts - 10,000,000
Vote 7. Provinces, Forces, and other Supplies - 6,200,000

Excess Appropriations in Aid (Votes 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10) - 5,000,000

£22,700,000

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;—

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

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Actland]

Yea, [Mr. Fellowes] 232.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whitby],

No, [Mr. Thomas Bayley] 136.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself away and into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1906, the sum of £2,256,177 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1906, the sum of £30,571,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolved 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself telegraph into a Committee on Telegraph [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums not exceeding in the whole £3,000,000 for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1883 to 1899, and to apply the provisions of the Telegraph Act, 1892, to the raising of such sums.

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 Tomorrow.
February last several Resolutions; which were read, as follow :—

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of February last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth :

Navy (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

That a supplementary sum not exceeding £1,270,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the 31st day of March 1904 for expenditure in respect of the following Navy Services, viz.—

Vote 8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c.:

Section I. Personnel — £33,200
Section II. Coastwise Work — £1,254,800
Section III. Material — £1,086,000

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

Mr. Graham Murray reported from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of February last several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4. Class I.

1. That a supplementary sum not exceeding £7,300 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the 31st day of March 1904 for expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces,

2. That a supplementary sum not exceeding £18,800 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the 31st day of March 1904 for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

Class II.

3. That a supplementary sum not exceeding £31,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the 31st day of March 1904 for Stationery Office, and the cost of Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Class III.

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 31st day of March 1904 for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.

The said Resolutions being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the First Resolution, by leaving out "£18,800" and inserting "£16,700" — (Mr. Labouchere).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£18,800" stand part of the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Third Resolution, by leaving out "£31,000" and inserting "£30,900" — (Sir Edward Strachey).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£31,000" stand part of the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

And the Fourth Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Graham Murray reported from the Supply Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant March several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-4.

Class IV.

1. That a supplementary sum not exceeding £29,400 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 expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

Class VI.

2. That a supplementary sum not exceeding £197,677 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 making good deficiencies on the Income Accounts of the Funds for Trustee Savings Banks, Friendly Societies, and Post Office Savings Banks. (Companies) Bill; Non-Payable (Companies) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Second Reading of the Irish Land Bill; Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labourers Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements Statements (Companies) Bill; Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Supply (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.
Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill. The Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Penal Servitude Bill. 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 To-morrow.

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 To-morrow.

Electric Lighting (London) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Dogs Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Army (Annual) Bill. 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 To-morrow.

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.

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

Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill. The Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ipswich Rivers (Drainage) A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to at once institute a scheme for the effective drainage, dredging, and improvement of the inland waterways of Ireland; and that, in view of the great loss sustained, owing to floods, from year to year, by owners and occupiers of property near the rivers, and the excessive taxation arising from ill-conceived schemes, this House strongly censures the Government for its persistent neglect to take steps to abate the evil—[Mr. MacFieagh]; The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning; Wednesday, 23rd March 1904:

The Yeas to the Right.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: [Sir Thomas Esmond, 114.]

Tellers for the Noes: [Sir Alexander Astley, 130.]

So it passed in the Negative.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (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 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 Second Reading of the Trawlers' Certificates of Ability 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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next. And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter after Twelve o'Clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bishop's Starford and District Gas 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 Great Central and Midland Joint Railways 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.

Sir Alexander Harrogates Brown reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a letter was received from Mr. Vaughan-Davies, 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.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill do be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Colonial Marriages Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill do be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Medical Act (1861) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill do be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Police (Superannuation) 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 Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the Committee of Ways and Means several Resolutions which were read, as follows:

Ordered, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, the sum of £4,266,177 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That, towards making the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905 the sum of £39,571,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March One thousand nine hundred and five and One thousand nine hundred and five: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee on Telegraph [Money] a Resolution: which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums not exceeding in the whole £3,000,000 for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1899, and to apply the provisions of the Telegraph Act, 1892, to the raising of such sums.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Telegraph said Resolution: And that Lord Stanley, Mr. [Money.] Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.

Lord Stanley accordingly presented a Bill to Telegraph provide for raising further money for the purpose (Money) Bill, 1892-1899: And the Lord 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill.

(Provisional.)

Clause No. 1 (Appropriation of funds to Charities and other improvements).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the words "the Treasury," in order to insert the word "Parliament"—[Mr. Duthie], instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "the Treasury" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to. Clause No. 2 agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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The Electric Lighting (London) 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 Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Bill;
And a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Thomas Binyon.)

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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Eating Sitting.

The Barnet District Gas and Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is of opinion that the wages paid to the unskilled workers in Government factories and shipyards should be not less than the standard rate of wages paid for similar work in other employments in the respective districts.—(Mr. Shackleton.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And the standard rate of wages shall be "those recognised by associations of employers "and in practice obtained by the trade unions in "such trades."—(Mr. John Burns.)

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

Mr. Shackleton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Thursday, 28th March 1904:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) 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 Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) 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 Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 Army (Annual) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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.

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

[No. 38.]  
Thursday, 24th March 1904.

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 the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, examined pursuant to the Resolution of the Select Committee on Standing Orders agreed to by the House on the 22nd day of this instant March, compliance with the further proofs required by the Select Committee on Standing Orders has been proved, viz.:

Weston-super-Mare. Grand Pier 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, examined pursuant to the Resolution of the Select Committee on Standing Orders agreed to by the House on the 22nd day of this instant March, compliance with the further proofs required by the Select Committee on Standing Orders has been proved, viz.:

Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to National Debt Annuities, VII. An Account of the gross amount of all Bank No. 109. Annuities, and any Annuities for terms of years transferred, and of all sums of money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the gross amount of Annuities for lives and for terms of years which have been granted for the same, and contracts for payments on death which have been made under the provisions of the Acts 10 Geo. 4, c. 24; 51 & 52 Vict. c. 15; 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45; 27 & 28 Vict. c. 43; 45 & 46 Vict. c. 51; and 50 & 51 Vict. c. 40, within the year ended 5th January 1904.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's War Office Command,—Copy of Report of the War Office (Reorganisation) Committee. Part III. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Balfour presented, by His Majesty's War Office Command,—Copy of Report of the War Office (Reorganisation) Committee. Part III. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Law, to Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Copyright Bill was referred; That they Musical had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

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

The Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Mr. John Johnson, supported by Mr. John Snaith Wilson (Durham), Mr. Cameron, Mr. Levy, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Paulston, and Mr. Bell, presented a Bill to grant certificates to persons Charitable in charge of Steam Engines and Smaller Works, and for matters incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Balfour, supported by Mr. Secretary Bishop of Aber-Douglas and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to provide for the foundation of Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham, and for matters incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill and on the Tele- house graph (Money) Bill have precedence this day (supply) of the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) 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 Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Second Reading of the Provisional Orders (Marriages) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners' Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Ireland) (Irish) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage with Second Reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Government the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, Ways and upon the 23rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Unskilled Bill, wages paid to the workers in Government factories and shipyards should not be less than the standard rate of wages paid for similar work in other employments in the respective districts—(Mr. Shackleton):
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Resizing of the the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed to be made the Standing Committee on Trade (including upon the 18th day of this instant March, That the rate of wages paid for similar work in other employments in the respective districts—(Mr. Shackleton):
Ordered, That the Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including
The House, according to Order, proceeded to London, take into consideration the London, Tilbury, and Southend and Southend Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ryde Gas Bill, take into consideration the Ryde Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-in-Makerfield, Brighton, Manchester, Nelson, Scarborough, and Sunderland; and that Mr. Grant Lawan and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Grant Lawson accordingly presented a local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-in-Makerfield, Brighton, Manchester, Nelson, Bill, Scarborough, and Sunderland: And the same Bill 140. 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


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

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Second Reading of the Private Legislation Procedure (Wales) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, while recognising that further devolution of its powers in connection with Private legislation may be desirable, considers that such devolution should be preceded by a full inquiry into the manner in which the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, has worked, and the extent to which it is capable of
"application to the rest of the United King-
dom" — (Mr. Henry Hobhouse), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of April next.

Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next.

Workmen's Compensation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

Tide Houses (Fishing) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of April next.

Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

Public Trustee Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of April next.

Merchandise Marks Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of April next.

Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of April next.

The Order of the day being, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant March, That the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being, for the Married Woman's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being, for the Agricultural Holdings (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being, for taking Musical Copyright into consideration the Musical Copyright Bill, Copyright as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Consolidated into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.
(In the Committee.)
Claususes No. 1 to No. 3 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.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being, for the Supply Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being, for the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being, for resuming Rating of Machinery Bill;
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Standing Committee on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of this instant March, That the Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacturers;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment 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.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Colney Hatch Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

London and North Western Railway Bill. Vide Supplement to the Votes.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the London and North Western Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Midland Railway Bill. Vide Supplement to the Votes.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Midland Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Honegood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, That in the case of the Acton 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.

Mr. Honegood Johnstone further reported from the Committee, That they had altered certain provisions of the Bill for the protection of the Petitioners, William Stowe and William Taylor, and that with respect to such Petitioners they are unanimously of opinion that they have been unreasonably subjected to expense in defending their rights proposed to be interfered with by the Bill, and are entitled to recover from the Promoters of such Bill, viz., the Urban District Council of Acton, their whole costs in relation thereto.

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 Southend Water Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate, with Amendments, the enactments relating to Naval Prize of War, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers upon the Matlock and District Gas 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 Metropolitan Railway Company to convert and consolidate their existing capital; to raise additional capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for amalgamating the Mid Wales Railway Company with the Cambrian Railways Company; for conferring further powers upon the last-named 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 the abandonment of the Mid Wales Railway Company with the Cambrian Railways 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 Urban District Council of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton to construct works for prevention of floods on the River Anker, within the Urban District of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton and the Rural District of Nuneaton, in the County of Warwick, 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 Tyne-side Tramways and Tramroads Company, to the construction and maintenance of works and the acquisition of lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amalgamate the undertakings of the District Water Company of Ticehurst and Robertbridge Water Company and the Wadhurst, Ticehurst, and District Gas Company Light and Coke Company; for extending their limits of supply; for authorising the construction of works, and the raising of additional capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for amending the Tyne-side Tramways and Tramroads Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tyne-side Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Metropolitan Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Cambrian Railways Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The York Town and Blackwater Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton 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 Ticehurst and District Water and Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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.—

Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.) Bill [Lords].
Lutwyche Dock Commission Bill [Lords].
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords].
Tynemouth Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Verbal Amendments were made to the Bishop's Stortford and District Gas Bill.

The Great Central and Midland 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 Sutton 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 Birthdale Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southhill Nether Urban District Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Appleby Corporation Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Goose Burgh (Electricity) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Young and Bell's Patents Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

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

An Amendment was made to the Bill, Vol. 169.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 Orders (No. 1) Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Barry, Clitheroe, Guisborough, Glastonbury, Heysham, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saffron Walden, Walton, Whickham, and Yardley: And that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bonar Law accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Orders (No. 1) Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Barry, Clitheroe, Bill. Guisborough, Glastonbury, Heysham, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saffron Walden, Walton, Whickham, and Yardley: 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 read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, Medical pursuants 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 1903.

Copy of Order made by the County Council Polling of the West Riding of the County of York, Division of Agisby, altering certain Polling Districts in the Osgoldcross, Skipton, and Barnsley Parliamentary Division.

Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Emma Mary Agnes West, a Servitude convict under detention in Agisby Prison, (Conditional permitting her to be at large on condition that Licence) she enter the East End Refuge, Finsbury.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of July in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing, for 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 of indoor Relief or 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 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 Parliamentary Paper, No. 36 of Session 1881); and showing in regard to (b) the number of those who, in the opinion of the medical officer of the workhouse, could not satisfactorily take care of themselves, owing to mental or physical infirmity.

Return to an Order, dated the 34th day of Councils at June in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns showing the total indebtedness of the Councils of Boroughs, other than Metropolitan boroughs, for the year 1903.
### Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, and Motor Car Act, 1903.

Mr. Walter Long also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations as to registration and licensing of Motor Cars under Section 6 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, and Section 7 of the Motor Car Act, 1903.

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

### Wines Imported.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of February last, for a Return relative to Wines Imported.

### Army (Ordinance Factories.)

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the year 1902-3, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Wines Imported and the Paper relative to Army (Ordnance Factories) be printed.

### Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Mr. Fellowes presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report, for 1903, of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries of Proceedings under the Tithe Acts, the Copyhold Act, 1894, the Inclosure 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.

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

### Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Copy of Annual Reports, for 1903, of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries of Proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts, the Markets and Pairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, &c., &c.

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

### Trade Reports (Annual Series.)

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3131 and 3132.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Inquiry into the distribution of the water stock issued to the Metropolitan Water Company Bill, and the Return to show date of launch, displacement, and armaments, reduced to one common scale (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 165 of Session 1903).—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amounts of British Government Securities held by the several Government Departments and by other Public Offices on the 31st day of March 1904, specifying whether held in England or Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 160 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

### Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, and Motor Car Act, 1903.

Mr. Kimber reported from the Committee on Railway Bills (Group No. 1 of Railway Bills); That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday the 14th day of April next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Dilke reported from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions; That Petitions had been examined in the House of Commons on the 31st, 32nd, 38th, 39th, and 40th days of this instant March, 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. 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 Metropolitan Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for extinguishing certain rights of way of York's School Bill over certain lands situate in the Parish of Gauton in the County of York; to which the Lords desire the Assent of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An New River Company in discharge of the sum payable as compensation for the transfer of their water undertaking to the Metropolitan Water
The Order for reading a second time, upon Agricultural Wednesday next, the Agricultural Education (Scotland) in Elementary Schools Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-Small morrow, the Small Holdings Bill was read, and Holdings Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next.

Mr. Skues-Cox, supported by Mr. Bousfield, Mr. Atherton-Jones, Mr. Kimler, and Mr. Characters O'Malley, presented a Bill for the better pre-

presentation of giving false Characters to servants, and of offences connected therewith. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next; and to be printed.

Colonel Long, supported by Mr. Raymond-Market Greene, Sir Thomas Emsmon, and Mr. Channing, presented a Bill to remove certain doubts as to the meaning of the Market Gardener's Compen-

sation Bill, 1890: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Education Bill to amend the Laws relating to Education (Scotland) in Scotland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Graham Murray and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Graham Murray accordingly presented a Education Bill to amend the Laws relating to Education in Scotland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Third Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) 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;

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 Consolidated the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the 28th day of this instant March, That the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Tuesday, 29th March 1904:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Doga Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Doga Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.
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Army (Annual) Bill. 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.

Penal Servitude Bill. 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.

Prisons (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill. 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.

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

Irish Land Bill. 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.

Labourers (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

False Statements (Companies) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Telegraph (Money) Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Telegraph (Money) Bill. (In the Committee.)

£12,000. 0s. 0d.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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.

Prayers.

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 Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Provisional Order (Marrige) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriage) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Conditions 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 Resident Second Reading of the Resident Magistrates (Belfast) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Winter Assizes Second Reading of the Winter Assizes (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrancy Bill. Second Reading of the Vagrancy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill, upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; (Amendment) 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 (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rating of the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant March, That the Basing of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 13th day of April next.

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

[No. 41.]

Tuesday, 29th March 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Speaker laid upon the Table—Report Private Bills [Lords] 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 compiled applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Thurso and Sandridgeworth Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
The Croydon 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 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 London, Tilbury, and Southend 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 Clyde 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 Great Western Railway Bill, and the Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill, were read the second time; and committed.

This Committee proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Croydon 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 Croydon Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Westonsuper-Mare Grand Pier Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Private Bills, &c.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 129, 123, and 280 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions and Memorials against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional 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.)

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 Forty-sixth Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Copy of Tenth Annual Report to the Secretary for Scotland from the Commissioners and Trustees of the Board of Manufactures in Scotland, for the year ending 30th September, 1903.

Copy of Report of a Departmental Committee appointed by the Local Government Board for Scotland to inquire into the system of Poor Law Medical Relief, and into the Rules and Regulations for the management of Poorhouses, with Supplement.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Order transferring to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland the powers and duties of the Commissioners for Public Works in Ireland, in respect of the portion of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund placed at the disposal of the Department by the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next; and bring in the Bill.

The Site for Duke of York's School Bill Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords], was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords], do examine the Site for Duke of York's School Bill, and prepare a report to the Secretary for Scotland, in respect of the immigration of Aliens, and other matters; and that the Secretary for Scotland give the Bill a second reading on the 12th day of April next, and to be printed.

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

The Naval Prize Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next; and to be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question aliens, being proposed. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the immigration of Aliens, and other matters incidental thereto. — (Mr. Secretary Abercrombie.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker explanatory statement from the Member who put the Motion and from a Member who was opposed to it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, in S. O. No. 14. and the Motion was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary Abercrombie, and Mr. Secretary Lupton, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. E. Channer do prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Secretary Abercrombie accordingly Aliens Bill presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the immigration of Aliens, and other matters incidental thereto; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time;
The Order of the day being read, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Second Reading of the Irish Land Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labourers Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next, 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, upon Tuesday the 12th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Estimate Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills;  
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adjournment of the House, to meet upon Tuesday the 29th day of April next, resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

And there being no further Business set down Mr. Speaker for the Afternoon Sitting, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 29th day of April next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Colney Hatch Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Ipswich Dock Commission Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Tynemouth Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Crystal Palace District Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order made upon the 12th day of Lincolnshire February last, That the Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Electric Power Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldecott.)

A Petition of the Strabane, Raphoe, and Strabane, Conwy Railway Company, praying that provision may be made in the Strabane, Raphoe, and Conwy Railway Bill authorising the Company to enter into further agreements with the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland), to change the terminus, and to divert part of their authorised lines, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the Tottenham Urban District Council, praying that provision may be made in the Tottenham Improvement Bill conferring upon the North Metropolitan Tramways Company certain limited powers with respect to the widening of streets, 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.

A Public Petition was also presented, and referred to a Select Committee.

The following Papers, presented by Command (Parliamentary Papers) of His Majesty during the Easter 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 Judicial Statistics, Part I., relating to Criminal Proceedings, Police, Coroner's Inquests, Prisons, Reformatory and Industrial Schools, and Criminal Lunatics, for England and Wales, for 1892.

Copy of Lists of Public Elementary Schools Board of Education of England and Wales, and Training Colleges under the administration of the Board, 1903–4.

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No. 118. 2nd day of March last, for a Return relative to 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 1904, showing the Egyptian Guaranteed Loan of 1865, pursuant to the Act 48 Vict. c. 11, in respect of the Annuity of £3,152,000 which was guaranteed by Her late Majesty for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Egypt, and of the sums paid in or towards the repayment of any money so issued.

Account up all moneys received, of the Government and of all contracts for the grant of deferred Life Annuities, and for payments on death, made during the year ended 31st December 1903.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Crown’s Nominee Account and Government Insurances and Annuities be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Light the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Light Railway Commission, up to the same date.

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

—Return of all Loans raised in England, under the Motor Car Registration and Motorcar License Act, 1896 (Reports).

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Agreed to, put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

[No. 49.]

Wednesday, 13th April 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

THE House being met, the Clerk at Mr. Speaker's disposal informed the House of the un-avoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to indisposition:—Whereupon Mr. James William Lowther, the Chairman of Ways and Means,
Prayers, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That the Lords and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Midland Railway Bill. 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.

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 2.), of the Local Government Board relating to the Hon. Liverpool, Ripon, and Southwell, and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital District: 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 Birmingham, Coventry, Liverpool, Ripon, and Southwell, and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital District: 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 the Stonebridge Union: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Stonebridge Union: 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 Akers-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 15th day of March last, for a Return relative to Aliens.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas 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 Cheshire and Westhoughton Parliamentary Divisions.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County of Hertford, altering certain Polling Districts in the Hertford and Waterford Parliamentary Divisions.

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

ORDERED,

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Board of Trade on Cotton Cultivation in the British Empire and in Egypt, by Professor Wydall Burton, &c., Director of the Imperial Institute at South Kensington.

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

New Member.

John Edward Bernard Steely, Esquire, Member for the County of the Isle of Wight, was sworn.

Captain Jesse reported the Amersham, Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means informed Private Bills that the House that the Committee on Group F had been appointed to meet until Thursday 14th April, the party opposing the Thames River Steamboat Service Bill having appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Colonel R. T. H. Law, Royal Engineers, and Captain R. Owen, Mercantile Marine, was essential to their case, and that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Colonel R. T. H. Law and Captain R. Owen do attend the Committee on Group F of Private Bills on Thursday 14th April, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee (Chairman's Panel) that they had appointed Mr. Laurence Hardy to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, Law, &c., and Legal Procedure, in the place of Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade and Industry, including Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures, in the place of Sir Thomas Esmond.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, That in the case of the Waterhampton Corporation Bill they had examined the allegations contained in a petition to 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. Victor Cavendish, supported by Mr. Local Grant Lawson, presented a Bill to transfer to Authorities the Local Government Board the powers of the Corporation of Westminster, for the purpose of protecting the Political Mission which has been despatched to the Tibetan Government—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick);—

The House divided.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, the House assented to the Revenue Estimates of India being applied to defray the expenses of any military operations which have or may become necessary beyond the frontier of His Majesty's Indian Possessions, for the purpose of protecting the Political Mission which has been despatched to the Tibetan Government—

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill;
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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 Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

Evening Sitting.

Received, That the time has arrived for taking immediate steps to wind up the business of the Land Judge's Court in Ireland, in the interests of all concerned.—(Mr. Murphy.)

Vivisection of Dogs.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury) —And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Thursday, 14th April 1904:—

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Whisky 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 Mortgage of Premises 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 Canal Traffic 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 Bills of Exchange 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 Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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 Conspiracy (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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House is of opinion that the wages paid to the unskilled workers in Government factories and shipyards should be not less than the standard rate of wages paid for similar work in other Vol. 159.

employsments in the respective districts—(Mr. Shackleton).—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill; (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill; (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill; (1901) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming sitting of the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of March last, That the Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the House-letting Second Reading of the House-letting (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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 Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the زيادة of the Baselment of Second Reading of the Baselment of Light Bill; Light Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Land Values the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of March last, That the Land Values (Assessment and Rating) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners' Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Friday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign 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 Highways 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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infant Life 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 Local Government Act (1888) 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 Penal Servitude Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of [12th April]; 
the 12th day of this instant April; 
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 the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) 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 Defence (Marriages) 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 Naval Prize 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 Vagrancy 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 Sale of Butter Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Land 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) 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 False Statements (Companies) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 44.] Thursday, 14th April 1904.

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.:-

Chatham Railways Bill [Lords].
Elycote Palace Hotel Company Bill [Lords].
Gasopt Water Bill [Lords].
Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 [Amendment] Bill [Lords].
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lords].
Matlock and District Gas Bill [Lords].
Metropolitan Railway Bill [Lords].
Miller and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords].
New River Company Bill [Lords].
Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords].
Tynemouth Corporation Bill [Lords].
Tyne and Wear and Tramroads Bill [Lords].
University of Leeds Bill [Lords].
Victoria University of Manchester Bill [Lords].
West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment) Bill [Lords].
York Town and Boilchester 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 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.:

Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords].

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

The Saint Marylebone Electric Lighting 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 taking London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration at this Evening's Sitting.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixth Report to the Secretary for Scotland of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Board, under the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897.
Copy of Report of Departmental Committee Poor Law appointed by the Local Government Board for Scotland on Poor Law Medical Relief. Vol. II., containing Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Index.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of Lighting Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.—(Mr. Horner Law.)

Six Alexander HarGregor Brown reported private Bills from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That they had proceeded to examine the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Corporation of London (Southwark and other Corporation of Bridges) Bill, but that the parties promoting the said Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the Bill.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Metropolitan Committee on the Thetis Urban District Council Water Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Metropolitan Committee on the Thetis Urban District Council Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported Young and Bell's Patents Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Committee divided.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Appleby Corporation Gas Bill [Lords], with Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee on Group No. 5 of Railway Bills; That the parties opposing the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill had stated that the evidence of Mr. Harry Noriss, Superintendent, L Division, Metropolitan Police, Kennington Lane, S.E., was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Mr. Harry Noriss do attend the said Committee upon Monday 18th April, at Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That Mr. Harry Noriss do attend the Committee on Group No. 5 of Railway Bills upon Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 8th day of March last, That the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904–5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,839,000 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 1905:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Guns and Carriages) be reduced by £100,000—(Mr. Warner) — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C (Ammunition) be reduced by £200—(Mr. Wed.) — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item D (Small Arms) be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Wed.)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House divided.
The Yeas were:
Yeas, 133. Mr. James Bailey; Mr. Russell Rea; Mr. Nicholson; Mr. Mooney; Mr. J. C. Fellowes; Mr. Compton Rickett; Mr. Theodore Taylor; Mr. Harry Noriss:

The Noes were:
Noes, 143. Mr. James Bailey; Mr. Russell Rea; Mr. Nicholson; Mr. Mooney; Mr. J. C. Fellowes; Mr. Compton Rickett; Mr. Theodore Taylor; Mr. Harry Noriss:

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to London and take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904–5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,919,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge for the Staff for Engineer Services, and expenditure for 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Nunnatti, 107.
Sir Alexander Acland, 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fellowes:

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 Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to which he 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, proceeded to Baker Street, and took into consideration the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (Application of Company's Acts) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Company to construct subways at Elephant and Castle).—(Mr. Causton.)
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 Yeas, Mr. Causton; Mr. James Bailey; Mr. Russell Rea; Mr. Nicholson; Mr. J. C. Fellowes; Mr. Compton Rickett; Mr. Theodore Taylor; Mr. Harry Noriss:
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mooney; Mr. J. C. Fellowes; Mr. Compton Rickett; Mr. Theodore Taylor; Mr. Harry Noriss:

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 Chairman of Ways and Means acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to which he 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.
The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Mines (Eight the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Hours) Bill, upon the 26th day of February last, That, the Mines (Eight Hours) 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 Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations Corporation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tied Houses Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Freeing) (Treating) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Marks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Market Second Reading of the Market Gardeners' Gardeners' Compensation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Viscitation of the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bills, upon the 13th day of this instant April, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Viscitation should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Bondy);
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April.

Ordered, 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
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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.

The Committee was accordingly nominated
of Lieutenant Colonel Bowles, Mr. Galway,
Mr. Leverton Harris, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Levy,
Colonel Leckford, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Nanetti,
Captain Norton, Mr. Peel, Mr. Matthew White
Ridley, Sir Harry Samuel, Mr. Sheehan, Mr.
Ure, and Sir Thomas Wightson.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the
Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

[No. 45.]

Friday, 15th April 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Strathmore, Raphoe, and Convoy Railway
Bill.

Tottenham Improvement Bill.

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

The Action Improvement 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 Charing
Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill be
now read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the
Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Colney Hatch 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 Metropolitan Police Provisional Order
Bill was, according to Order, read the third
time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the
Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders
(No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a
second time ; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of
the Local Government Board relating to the
Earlsdon, the Hanley, Stoke, Fenton, and Longton,
the Henley and Wallingford, the Wallingford and
Cromer, and the Whitchurch and District
Joint Hospital Districts: And that Mr. Grant
Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and
bring it in.

Mr. Grant Lawson accordingly presented a Local
Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of
the Local Government Board relating to the
Earlsdon, the Hanley, Stoke, Fenton, and Longton,
the Henley and Wallingford, the Wallingford and
Cromer, and the Whitchurch and District
Joint Hospital Districts: And the same was
read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to
Local an Order, dated the 17th day of March last, for a
Return relative to the Local Taxation Account.

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Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of
March last, for a Return relative to the British
Museum.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this Army
House a Copy of Memorandum explanatory (Annual) Bill,
of Amendments proposed to the Army Act.—
No. 125.

(Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.)

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster accordingly
presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the
Weights and Measures Measures Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a
second time.

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

Ordered, That the Question being proposed, that the
Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Question be proposed to the
Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of
Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Brough.)

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. Herbert
Robertson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the
word "now" stand part of the Question.—The
said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second
time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second
time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That the Bill be committed to the
Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of
Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Brough.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by leaving out the words "the
Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of
Justice, and Legal Procedure," and inserting
the words "a Select Committee"—(Sir William
Toultson), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question.—The said proposed Amendment was,
with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Law,.
Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of
Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation
Bill was, according to Order, read a second
time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation
Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) 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 Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Property Amendment Bill (Scotland);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Act (1896) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant April.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant April.

Mr. Cauley reported from the Committee on the Nurses Bill, the following:
An Act to confer additional powers on the Midland and Great Northern Railway Company, and upon the Midland and Great Eastern Railway Company, for the construction of works and the acquisition of lands, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London, Chatham, and Dover 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 London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as follows:—An Act to confer additional powers on the Midland Railway Company, and upon that Company and the Great Eastern Railway Company, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee and the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee, for the construction of works and the acquisition of lands, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Young and Bell's Patents 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.
London County Council (Money) Bill.

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Mr. Proby proposed, — Return to an Naval Order, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to Naval Expenditure. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halliday reported from the Committee on Education, that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, &c.:

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) for a Factory at Cliffe, Kent.

A Bill to regulate the expenditure of money by the London County Council on capital account during the current financial period, and the raising of money to meet such expenditure, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Portsmouth: 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 Portsmouth: 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 Emigration Statistics of Ireland for the year 1893.

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

Sir William Awns presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Model Course of Physical Exercises. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report by Captain A. P. H. Desborough, His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the circumstances attending an accident which occurred in the drying-house for nitro-cotton at the factory of Messrs. Curtis and Harvey, Limited, at Cliffe, Kent, on the 4th February 1894.

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

Emigration Statistics (Ireland.)

Board of Education.

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Mr. Secretary Bendrick presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of the Indian Official Secrets (Amendment) Act, 1904.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

No. 128.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of March last, for a Return relative to Trade of the United Kingdom with Germany.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th April 1894, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that Daniel Gray, Leading Hand of Fitters, Royal Gun Factory, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

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

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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill be printed.

Supperannuation Act, 1884.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th April 1894, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that Daniel Gray, Leading Hand of Fitters, Royal Gun Factory, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

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

A Bill to regulate the expenditure of money by the London County Council on capital account during the current financial period, and the raising of money to meet such expenditure, and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Portsmouth: 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 Portsmouth: 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 Emigration Statistics of Ireland for the year 1893.

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

Sir William Awns presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Model Course of Physical Exercises. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bendrick presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of the Indian Official Secrets (Amendment) Act, 1904.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

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Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of March last, for a Return relative to Trade of the United Kingdom with Germany.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put:—

The House divided.
The Yeas were:—

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House proceeded to take into consideration the following Orders for Bills:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time the next day:

The House proceeded to take into consideration the following Orders for Bills:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Motion be made, and the Question being put:—

The House accordingly resolved itself again into the said Committee. (In the Committee.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill.

The House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Third Reading of the Baker Street and Waterloo
Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant
April (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the London Port and Docks
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Trade
in the United Kingdom with Germany, which
was presented upon the 18th day of this instant
April, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Alber-Douglas presented, by
His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report by
Captain M. B. Lloyd, His Majesty's Inspector of
Explosives, to the Secretary of State for the
Home Department on the circumstances
attending an Explosion of gunpowder which
occurred in the mixing-house of the factory of
Messrs. Curtis and Harvey, Limited, at the
Market Place, Burnham, on the 2nd February 1904.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Ma-
jesty'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 construc-
tion of Light Railways from Saint Osyth to
Clacton-on-Sea, in the County of Essex, in the
Rural District of Tendring and the Urban
District of Clacton (Clacton-on-Sea and Osyth
Light Railway Order, 1904).

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 Borough of Leicester, and in the
Rural Districts of Harrow-upon-Suir and of
Marston Broom, in the County of Leicester
(Leicester and District Light Railway Order,
1904).

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 Parishes of Arkley, Burnet Vale,
Chipping Barnet, Bushey Rural, Bushey Urban,
and Watford Urban, in the County of Hertford
(Hertford Light Railways (No. 1) Order, 1904).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway
Commissioners under the Light Railways Act,
1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board
of Trade, transferring to the Mayor, Aldermen,
and Citizens of the City of Bradford the powers
conferred upon the Nidd Valley Light Railway
Company by the Nidd Valley Light Railway
Order, 1901, and amending that Order (Bradford
Corporation, Nidd Valley Transfer) Light Railway
Order, 1904).

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 and Rural Districts of
Rugby, in the County of Warwick (Rugby and
District Light Railway Order, 1904).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
financial
a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expen-
ture as laid before the House by the Chancellor
of the Exchequer when opening the Budget—
(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly
presented the said Paper).

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, savings Banks
To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to
consider whether the continuance of the payment of the
terminable Annuity payable Annuity,
under the Savings Banks Act, 1880, in pursu-
ance of any Act of the present Session to
amend the Savings Banks Acts—(Mr. Victor
Cavendish.)

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas, by His
Majesty's Command, acquainted the House,
that the said subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to
the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords] was
presented, by His Majesty's Command, for a Bill.
Standing Committee on Trade (including
Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manu-
factures, to whom the Railways (Private Railways
Siding) Bill was referred; That they had gone
through the Bill, and made Amendments there-
unto; and had amended the Title, as followeth:
—A Bill to amend the Law relating to Private
Siding on Railways.

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

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Trade, 
Select Committee on Trade (including
Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manu-
factures, to whom the Railways (Private
Siding) Bill was referred; That they had gone
through the Bill, and made Amendments there-
unto; and had amended the Title, as followeth:
—A Bill to amend the Law relating to Private
Siding on Railways.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be
printed.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Commit-
tee on Standing Orders several Resolutions;
which were read, as having been informed of the
subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to
the consideration of the House, and
Resolved, That the House will, To-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

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through the Bill, and made Amendments there-
unto; and had amended the Title, as followeth:
—A Bill to amend the Law relating to Private
Siding on Railways.

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

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Com-
mmittee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; Orders:
1. That in the case of the Totton Improvement
Bill, Petition for additional
provision, the Standing Orders ought to be
dispensed with; that the parties be permitted
to introduce their additional provision if the
Committee on the Bill think fit.
2. That in the case of the Strabane, Raphoe,
Sisson, and Convoy Railway Bill, Petition for additional
provision, the Standing Orders ought to be
dispensed with; that the parties be permitted
to introduce their additional provision if the
Committee on the Bill think fit.
3. That in the case of the City of London Bill (Central Criminal Court House), Petition for
leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing
Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Court House parties be permitted to deposit their
Petition for a Bill.
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4. That in the case of the North Wales Electric Power 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.

Private Bills (Group 5.)

Captain Jessel reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned until Friday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Irish Tobacco Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April, the Irish Tobacco Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of May next.

Business of the House (Ways and Means.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if under consideration 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 Acland-Hood), 292. 

Tellers for the Noes—(Mr. Fellowes), 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Customs—Tea.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That in lieu of the duty of Customs now payable on Tea there shall be charged, on and after the twentieth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, until the first day of August Nineteen hundred and five, the following duty (that is to say):—

Tea — the pound Eight pence.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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.

Evening Sitting.

Ways and Means.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

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1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That in lieu of the duty of Customs now payable on Tea there shall be charged, on and after the twentieth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, until the first day of August Nineteen hundred and five, the following duty (that is to say):—

Tea — the pound Eight pence.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment proposed in l. 4, to leave out the words "Eight pence," in order to insert the words "Six pence."—(Mr. Lough.)

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Question put, That the words "Eight pence" stand part of the proposed Resolution.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood), 265.

Tellers for the Noes—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone), 193.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood), 259.

Tellers for the Noes—(Sir Thomas Emonde, Captain Donelan), 188.

Customs—Tobacco.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the duties of Customs payable under section one of the Finance Act, 1898, on manufactured tobacco shall, on and after the twentieth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, be increased, in the case of cigars, by six pence per pound, and in the case of cigarettes, by one shilling per pound; and the duties payable under the same section on unmanufactured tobacco shall, on and after the same date, be increased, in the case of stripped tobacco, by three pence per pound.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 5, to leave out from the word "pound" to the end of the proposed Resolution.—(Mr. Broadhurst.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Resolution.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood), 228.

Tellers for the Noes—(Mr. Fellowes), 135.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood), 200.

Tellers for the Noes—(Mr. Fellowes), 106.

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 upon Thursday 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Army, and in the course thereof, the House—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
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The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements Bill (Companies) Bill; 
 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 Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill; 
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill; 
 Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Second Reading of the Supply Bill; 
 Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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 Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Second Reading of the Dogs Bill; 
 Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill; 
 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 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 Agriculture Education in Elementary Schools Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

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 Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Whisky 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Easement of Light Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages 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) 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 Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Mines (Eight Hours) Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday 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 the 27th day of this instant April.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Wednesday, 20th April 1904.

The House met at Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Appleby Corporation 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 Thames Urban District Council Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines Drainage Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of May next (Evening Sitting).

The Local Government Provisional Order Local Government Provisional Order [Poor Law 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. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Appendix to the Estimate for Civil Services, 1904-5, Class VI., Vote 1, containing a list of Superannuation and Retired Allowances payable on 30th November 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas presented, by Judicial His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Judicial Statistics for England and Wales, 1902, Part II. (England and Wales).

Copy of Fifty-first Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, being for the year 1903.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3198 to 3219).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Great Central Railway Bill.

Mr. Kimber 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 thereunto.

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

Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Bill, with Amendments.

Mr. Kimber reported the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock Bill, with Amendments.

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

Selection (Standing Committees).

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Vermaat, and Mr. Herbert Lewis; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Arthur Elliott, and Mr. Lloyd Morgan.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Libraries Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Public Libraries Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

Law, &c.

Mr. Laurence Hardy reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate Bill was referred: that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

No. 133.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 137.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Adjournment.

Mr. Austin Taylor, Member for the East Tewkes Division of Liverpool, rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the composition of and the scope of the reference to the Royal Commission appointed to investigate Ecclesiastical Disorders in the Church of England;" but the pleasure of the House having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:—The Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting this day.

Sir Wilfred Lawson, supported by Mr. T. W. Ligon Russell, presented a Bill to provide for the Liability Bill, payment of compensation by sellers of Liquor in certain cases; which was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Licensing, put, That it be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts, 1828 to 1902, in respect to the extinction of Licences and the grant of new Licences (Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood. 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Herbert Gladstone. 147.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in by Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Walter Long, and Mr. Cochran.

Mr. Walter Long accordingly presented a Licensing Bill, Bill to amend the Licensing Acts, 1828 to 1902, Bill 138, in respect to the extinction of Licences and the grant of new Licences; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Austin Taylor);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Austin Taylor. 90.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood. 178.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Board of Education should require arrangements to be made by the local education authorities whereby every child compelled by law to attend a public elementary school shall have received proper nourishment before being subjected to mental or physical instruction; and that in cases in which proper food has not been provided for the child by its parents it should be first supplied by the local education authority; and subsequently suitable action taken to recover the cost—(Mr. Claude Hay)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

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Whereupon Mr. Claude Hay rose in his place (Claire and claimed to move, That the Question be now adjourned, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and the Motion declined then to put that Question, and the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Weighing of Minerals) Bill; 

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

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage with a Deceased Wives Sister 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 Foreign Marriages Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Whisky 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 Authorities (Qualification of Women) Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage with a Deceased Wives Sister Bill;  

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

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the Sale of Whisky 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 Canal Traffic 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 Foreign Marriages Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Preservation of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill (Lords);  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill;  

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Savings Banks Acts Amendment [Deficiency Annuity].  

(In the Committee.)  

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the continuance of the payment of the terminable Annuity payable under section one of the Savings Banks Act, 1880, in each year up to the end of the half-year ending on 20th May 1917, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Savings Banks Acts— 

(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)  

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 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.  

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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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (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 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 False Statements (Companies) Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Indian Councils Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) 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 Provisional Order (Marriages) 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.

No. 49.
Thursday, 21st April 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

M. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:— Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

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

Sir William Amos presented, by His Majesty's Lord of Command,—Copy of Report of a Public Inquiry Education, held under Sections 16 and 23 of the Education Act, 1902, and Section 73 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, by A. T. Lawrence, Esquire, K.C., at Carmarthen on the 24th and 25th March 1904.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Committee,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3140 and 3141.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Manual Business of Procedure in the Public Business of the House of Commons, 1904.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill, of Session 1903, be referred to the Committee on Powers (Various Powers) Bill;—The Chairman of Ways and Means.

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., the Clerk of the Parliaments, to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Committee of Public Accounts,—(Sir William Brampton Gardon.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Public Libraries Acts (Extension) Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee on Selection, That they had discharged the following-(Standing Orders not complied with.) Mr. Betty Layton, the Bill:—
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cavey reported from the Committee on the Cheshire Electricity and Power-Gas 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords has been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:— The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Corporation of Harrow-in-the-Furrow to construct an opening bridge across Cheshire Lines. 

M. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:— Richard Jagger's Patent.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
Weymouth Channel; to make certain street works; to lay down additional tramways, and to execute works in connection with their water undertaking, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the time for taking certain lands for the construction of certain authorised works by the Southport and Lytham Tramroad Company, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport; to authorise the raising of further capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Trade Marks Bill was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

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

Sir John Ballston, supported by Mr. Fletcher Moullin, Sir James Woodhouse, Mr. Alban Gibbs, Sir Francis Evans, and Mr. Hunter Craig, presented a Bill to provide for the further protection of Chartered Societies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means have provocation this day of the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Baftler.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Income Tax.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April Nineteen hundred and four at the rate of one shilling.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—Debate arising:

Friday, 22nd April 1904:

And it being Midnight, the Chairman proceeded to interrupt the Business:

Whereupon Sir Frederick Banbury rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put. The Committee proceeded to a Division, and the Chairman stated that he thought the Ayes of Debate had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously Division claimed, and he accordingly called upon the frivolously Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places; and he declared the Ayes had it. Six Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

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 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 [12th April] the 12th day of this instant April;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [13th April] the 14th day of this instant April;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th day of this instant April;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Ways and Means the adjoining Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 upon Tuesday next.

Naval Prize Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Cunard Agreement [Money.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Penal Servitude Bill.
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 upon Monday next.

Savings Banks Acts Amendment [Deficiency Annuity].
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Savings Banks Acts Amendment [Deficiency Annuity];
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Provincial Order (Marriages) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provincial Order (Marriages) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Vagrants' Children Protection Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Workmen's Compensation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Infant Life Protection Act (1897) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nurses and Second Reading of the Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nurses Bill; 
Second Reading of the Nurses Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Hall-marking into consideration the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 17th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Marriages Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

[No. 50.]
Friday, 22nd April 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report London from one of the Examiners of Petitions for County Private Bills, That in the case of the following Council (Money) Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.——
London County Council (Money) Bill. 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Aneraam, Beaconsfield, and District Aneraam, Beaconsfield, and District Aneraam, Beaconsfield, and District Aneraam, Beaconsfield, and District Aneraam, Beaconsfield, and District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Water Bill.

The Water Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.——
London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lords.] 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lords.] be read a second time upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

The Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Bill [Lords.] was 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 certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bradford (Yorkshire), Ealing, Eaton Bray (Rgil.), Glastonbury, Rayl., and the Fylde Water Board District: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare and bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bradford (Yorkshire), Ealing, Eaton Bray (Rgil.), Glastonbury, Rayl., and the Fylde Water Board 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 read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Secretary Aches-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Governors of Wellington Colleges for the year ended the 31st December 1903, with Appendices.

Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Walsall, altering certain Polling Districts in the borough.

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

Mr. Secretary Aches-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Governors of Wellington Colleges for the year ended the 31st December 1903, with Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Board of Trade by the Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence with reference to their Proceedings.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of draft Certificate of the Board of Trade authorising the London and South Western Railway Company to raise additional capital.

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

Mr. Peetman presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Railway Companies in Great Britain as to the carriage of agricultural produce and requisites, with Appendices.

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

Mr. Pretzman presented, Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of March last, for a Return relative to Fleets (Great Britain and Foreign Countries).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Vol. 159.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trades Unions Second Reading of the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And a Motion being made, the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Colonel Pilkington.)

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. Paulton, Yeas, [Mr. Bill:]

Tellers for the Colonial Pilkington, Noes, [Sir William Tomlinson:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—(Mr. Paulton):

—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of the Repair of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Rivers and Streams Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trades Unions Second Reading of the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Jurors' Second Reading of the Jurors Expenses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Resident Second Reading of the Resident Magistrates (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Winter Assizes Second Reading of the Winter Assizes (Ireland) (1903) Bill.

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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 Trawlers' Certificates Suspension 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 Colonial Marriages 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 (1886) 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 Public Trustee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Six Joseph Lose reported from the Committee on the Local Government Orders (No. 1) Bill; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Captain Jessel reported the Barnet District Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 Donegal Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Select Committee on Commons; That they had considered the Reports of the Board of Agriculture certifying the expediency of Provisional Orders for the Regulation of the Oxshott Heath, in the Parish of Cobham, in the County of Surrey; and are of opinion that the Provisional Order ought to be confirmed without modification; that the Provisional Order for the Regulation of Roshett Heath, in the Parish of Cobham, in the County of Surrey, ought to be confirmed without modification; and had agreed to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the No. 137. Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Barnard Castle Gas Bill, for the incorporation and conferring powers on the Barnard Castle Gas Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Preston and Blackburn Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to take and maintain a tramway and other works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Chesterfield Corporation (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, to make further provision for the improvement of the Corporation, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Clerk of the Public Bills to refer the Bill to the Examiners of the House on Public Accounts. Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Public Accounts.

The Barnard Castle Gas Bill [Lords.] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Preston and Blackburn Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Chesterfield Corporation (Tramways and Improvements) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.
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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Railway Bills (Group No. 7.)

Mr. Kearley reported from the Committee on Group No. 7 of Railway Bills, that the parties promoting this Strabane, Bapmore, and Omagh Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of George Edmund Shanahan, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Public Works, Ireland, 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 George Edmund Shanahan do attend the Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That George Edmund Shanahan do attend the Committee on Group No. 7 of Railway Bills on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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

[No. 51.] Monday, 25th April 1904.

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. —

1. Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills (No Standing Orders applicable)

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the 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. 1) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Southend Water Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with Amendments thereto, 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 Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Proceedings under the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1892, during the year ended 31st March 1904.

Account, prepared in pursuance of the Bankruptcy Act, 1883, showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy Proceedings, during the year ended 31st March 1904. 141

The Appleby Corporation 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 Thures Urban District Council Water Thures Urban District Council 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 Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Wolseleyhampton Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That in the case of the Preston, Preston, Clitheroe, and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords], Standing Orders 204 and 235 be suspended, and provided that the Bill be now read a second time.—(The Bill [Lords].)

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

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The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Preceding Report.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the (Scotland.)

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His East India Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report (India), of the Census of India, 1901.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick also presented,—East India Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 20th day of this instant April, for a Return (Railways and Irrigation Works) relative to East India (Railways and Irrigation)

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

Mr. Secretary Ahers-Douglas presented, by Historical His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on Manuscripts the Manuscripts of the Marquess of Bath, (Royal) preserved at Longleat, Wilts, (Commission) Vol. I.

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

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Copy of Rule under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1899, amending Rule 24 (1) (a) of the Elementary School Teachers’ Superannuation Rules, 1899.

Copy of Rule under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1899, amending Rule 24 (1) (a) of the School Teachers’ Superannuation Rules, 1899.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1876, dated 16th April 1894, declaring Cheung-tau to be an unhealthy within the meaning of the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1876, dated 19th April 1894, granting to Herbert C. Steele, Counter Clerk and Telegraphist, London Post Office, a retired allowance under the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1883 (Proceedings), be printed.

Mr. Keartle reported the *Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels)* Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to amend the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Act, 1900: 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 Second Reading of the *Aliens 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 all the words after the word "That," in order to add the words "this House, holding that the evils of low-priced alien labour can best be met by legislation to prevent sweating, desires to assure itself, before ascertaining to the Aliens Bill, that sufficient regard is had in the proposed measure to the retention of the principle of asylum for the victims of persecution"—(Sir Charles Dilke),—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 25th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Aliens Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out all the words after the word "That," in order to add the words "this House, holding that the evils of low-priced alien labour can best be met by legislation to prevent sweating, desires to assure itself, before ascertaining to the Aliens Bill, that sufficient regard is had in the proposed measure to the retention of the principle of asylum for the victims of persecution"—(Sir Charles Dilke),—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Question:—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, 26th April 1904:

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the:—

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 241;

Mr. Fellowes, 117.

Mr. Trevelyan, 117.

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 this day.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Savings Committee on Savings Banks Acts Amendment (Deficiency Annuity) a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the continuance of the payment of the terminable Annuity payable under section one of the Savings Bank Act, 1880, in each year up to the end of the half-year ending on 20th May 1917, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Savings Bank Acts.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Midnight, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Coward Agreement [Money];—

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [28th April] the 14th day of this instant April;—

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [16th April] the 14th day of this instant April;—

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 19th 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 Ways and Means of the 21st day of this instant April; 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.

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.

Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) 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 upon Wednesday next.

Sale of Butter Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Irish Land Bill.
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 upon Wednesday next.

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

Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill.
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 Wednesday next.

False Statements (Companies) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Naval Prize Bill [Lords].
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Indian Councils Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Councils 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 with a Deceased Wife's Sister 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 Foreign Marriages 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 Foreign Marriages 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 Trades Unions and Trade Disputes (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next.

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

[No. 52.]

Tuesday, 26th April 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

P R AE R S.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Central Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of the Metropolitan Borough of Paddington) was twice read; and moved part of the Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hanover Commercial Railway and Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Electric Lighting Provisions Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisions Orders (No. 3) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisions Orders (No. 4) 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 Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1899, relating to Merrow Downs, in the Parish of Merrow, in the County of Surrey: And that Mr. Fellowes and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1899, relating to Oseshott Heath, in the Parish of Cobham, in the County of Surrey: And that Mr. Fellowes and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Fellowes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1899, relating to Merrow Downs, in the Parish of Merrow, in the County of 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.

Mr. Fellowes presented a Bill to confirm a Commons Provisional Order under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1899, relating to Oseshott Heath, in the Parish of Cobham, in the County of 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.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1858, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

No. 141, That the Paper relative to the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1858, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Fellowes, presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command, — Copy of list of Agricultural Correspondents of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, with a Copy of their Instructions as to Procedure and a Preliminary Memorandum.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Order made by the Lord Chancellor, dated 26th April 1904, directing that Frederick Mason, the Registrar of the County Court of Yorkshire (West Riding), held at Wakefield, shall not practice as a Solicitor, and that Section 20 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879, shall not apply to the office of Frederick Mason, as such Registrar of the said County Court.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Exchequer Returns showing how the Exchequer Balance has been strengthened or depleted in each of the five years ending the 31st day of March 1904. — (Mr. M'Cruce.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken at Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill, in Session 1900, be referred to the Commissioners appointed under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, to inquire into the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) draft Provisional Order.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Municipal Monday next, the Municipal Corporations Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of May next.

Mr. Compton Errington reported from the Committee on the London, Camberwell, and Dulwich 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.

Mr. Kearley reported from the Committee on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various and Yorkshire Railway
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Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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 Doncaster Corporation Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had nominated to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill:—Mr. Gerald Holfisher, Mr. Round, Mr. Brunner, Sir Joseph Dimulde, Sir Walter Foster, Sir Michael Foster, Sir J. Fortescue Flannery, Mr. Courtenay, Mr. Michael Hicks Beech, Mr. A'Court, Sir Albert Ralfft, Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Speir, Mr. Stuart Samuel, and Mr. Toulmin.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had nominated to 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. Hunter Craig.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cochrane, supported by Mr. Secretary Acland-Douglas and Mr. Bonar Law, presented a Bill to provide for the early closing of Shops: and the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill to provide for the closing of Shops: and the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill (Local Authority Default) to make provision for the case of default on the part of Local Authorities in the performance of their duties as respects Elementary Schools:—Sir William Anson.

And the Motion being opposed, a brief Mr. Speaker put the Question.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \(\text{Sir Alexander Acland-} \)

\(\text{Hoad, Yeas:}\)

\(\text{Mr. Fellowes:}\)

\(\text{Tellers for the \(\text{Mr. Herbert Gladstone,}\) Noes:}\)

\(\text{Mr. Coats:}\)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Sir William Anson, Mr. Walter Long, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Sir William Anson accordingly presented a Education Bill to make provision for the case of default on (Local Authority Default) the part of Local Authorities in the performance of their duties as respects Elementary Schools:—Bill 167.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(1. Motion made, and Question put, 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 five.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \(\text{Sir Alexander Acland-} \)

\(\text{Hoad, Yeas:}\)

\(\text{Mr. Fellowes:}\)

\(\text{Tellers for the \(\text{Mr. Lough, Noes:}\) Mr. Tycbham:}\)

Continuance of additional Excise Duties on Beer and Spirits.

2. Motion made, and Question put, 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 five.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \(\text{Sir Alexander Acland-} \)

\(\text{Hoad, Yeas:}\)

\(\text{Mr. Fellowes:}\)

\(\text{Tellers for the \(\text{Mr. Lough, Noes:}\) Mr. Tycbham:}\)

Continuance of additional Excise Duties on Beer and Spirits.

3. 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 To-morrow.
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.

Report. That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 21st day of this instant April a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Income Tax.

That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the sixth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, and four, until the first day of August Nineteen hundred and five, the following duty (that is to say) —

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Customs—Tobacco.

2. That the duties of Customs payable under section one of the Finance Act, 1898, on manufactured tobacco shall, on and after the twentieth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, be increased, in the case of cigars, by six pence per pound, and in the case of cigarettes, by one shilling per pound; and the duties payable under the same section on unmanufactured tobacco shall, on and after the same date, be increased, in the case of stripped tobacco, by three pence per pound.

The said Resolutions being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the First Resolution, by leaving out the words "Eight pence" and inserting the words "Six pence"—(Mr. Laugh),—instead thereof. And the Question being proposed, That the words "Eight pence" stand part of the said Resolution — 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 the Second Reading of the Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lords]; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; —

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir George Bortle). 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 Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution — And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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 this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statutes of the Second Reading of the Justices 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 Bishoprics of the Second Reading of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Aliens Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Aliens Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prisons (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Committee that (before going through the Bill) they shall inquire and report upon the working of Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Edward Ellis, Sir John Hope, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. John Worsley-Parker, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Tirynmor Jones, Mr. William H. W. Chamberlain, and Colonel Worsley-Taylor; and Colonel Wynham-Quin.

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 Conspiracy (Ireland) 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 (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holding (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of February last, That the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 4th day of May 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 Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

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 Foreign 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 Foreign Marriages 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 Upland (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Wales) Bill do consist of Eleven Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Cripps, Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Heyman Jones, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. Worsley-Taylor, and Colonel Wynham-Quin.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that (before going through the Bill) they shall inquire and report upon the working in Scotland, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, of the scheme.
proposed in the Bill, and upon the expediency of extending the provisions of the Bill, with or without modifications, to other parts of the United Kingdom. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

[No. 53.]

Wednesday, 27th April 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 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 had agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barry Railway (Extension of Time, &c.) [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was 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 Return showing the rates of Interest on Loans made under the provisions of the Local Government (Provisional Provisions) Acts 1888, 1893, and 1898, 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 Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order dated the 26th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Exchequer Balances.

Mr. Victor Cavendish 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 1904, 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 Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3146 and 3147.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of all Public Revenue derived from Taxes levied by Parliament, and from any other sources, which are not paid into His Majesty's Exchequer, for the years 1901-2, 1902-3, and 1903-4, with the totals in each case (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 148 of Session 1892).

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 1903, and Report to the Board of Trade thereon.

Mr. Keeney reported from the Committee on Strabane, the Strabane, Raphoe, and Convey Railway (Extension of Time, &c.) Bill; That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 8th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the First Schedule to the Bill all reference to the townlands in the parish of Convey; that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 19th day of April, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

Mr. Keeney 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 Joseph Leese reported from the Committee on the Corporation Act, 1892 (Amendment) Bill [Lords.]; That Mr. Plott, (Group F.) Hoggins, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Provisional Provisions) Act (Poor Law) Bill [Lords.]; That the Committee had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Plymouth Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Darley Commercial Dock 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Hucknall Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment) 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.
The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Trade Marks Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 25th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the First Resolution, That in lieu of the duty of Customs now payable on Tea there shall be charged, on and after the twentieth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, until the first day of August Nineteen hundred and five, the following duty (that is to say)—

Tea—

the pound—Eight pence;

Which Amendment was, to leave out the words “Eight pence” and insert the words “Six pence”—(Mr. Leath),—instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words “Eight pence” stand part of the said Resolution.—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—239.

Mr. Fellowes—202.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Herbert Gladstone—192.

Mr. William M'Arthur—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Sir Alexander Acland—236.

Mr. Fellowes—

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Herbert Gladstone—192.

Mr. William M'Arthur—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 25th day of this instant April, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Second Resolution be deferred till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 25th day of this instant April; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That it is expedient to authorise the continuance of the payment of the terminable Annuity payable under section one of the Savings Banks Act, 1880, in each year up to the end of the half-year ending on 20th May 1917, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Savings Banks Acts; And the Question being again proposed;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate, Vol. 139.

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

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being orally proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is incumbent upon His Majesty's Government to use every endeavour to encourage the growth of Cotton in those districts in Africa which are under British government or British influence, and to co-operate as far as possible with such commercial associations as may be organised to secure this end.—(Mr. John Rutherford);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 3, by inserting, after the word “Africa,” the words “and in other portions of the British Empire, and in the establishment of experimental farms in suitable cotton-growing districts.”—(Mr. Peel.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is incumbent upon His Majesty's Government to use every endeavour to encourage the growth of Cotton in those districts in Africa and in other portions of the British Empire, and to establish or aid in the establishment of experimental farms in suitable cotton-growing districts, which are under British government or British influence, and to co-operate as far as possible with such commercial associations as may be organised to secure this end.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of March last, That the Land Values (Assessment and Rating) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, as Legal Procedure; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Government adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, under the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House is of opinion that the wages paid to the unskilled workers in Government factories and shipyards should be not less than the standard rate of wages paid for similar work in other employment in the respective districts—(Mr. Shackleton);

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

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

Thursday, 28th April 1904:

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of May 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 bill, upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant April, That the Board of Education should require arrangements to be made by the local education authorities to provide—

1. Meals.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That it is expedient to authorise the continuance of the payment of the terminable Annuity payable under section one of the Savings Banks Act, 1880, in each year up to the end of the half-year ending on 30th May 1917, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Savings Banks Act;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Penal Servitude Bill; upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian Second Reading of the Indian Councils Bill; upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts Bill; upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Hours Second Reading of the Shop Hours Bill; upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages and Means; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill; upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cunard Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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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.

Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Naval Prize Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 10th day of May next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 54.]

Thursday, 28th April 1904.

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 incurred into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Chesterfield Corporation (Tramways and Improvements) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Mallingon, Kelis, 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 Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill [Lords] be read the third time tomorrow.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Emigration and Immigration.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of February last, for a Return relative to Labourers' Cottages (Ireland) (Ireland).

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, a Return relative to Labourers' Cottages (Ireland) (Ireland).

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 ending 31st December 1903, with a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for that year.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there shall be laid before this House a Return of all Royal Commissions issued in each year from 1896 to 1903, inclusive, specifying the objects of each such Commission, the name of each Commissioner and Secretary, the date of each Report, or if still sitting, and the cost of each up to the 31st day of March 1904 (in continuation of and in the same form as Parliamentary Paper, No. 338 of Session 1893).—(Mr. John Edward Ellis.)

A Message was delivered by Thomas Duckers, 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 U 4
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 follows:
1. Army (Annual) Act, 1904.
2. Wild Birds Protection Act, 1904.
4. Yeovil and Bell's Patents Act, 1904.
5. Appleby Corporation Gas Act, 1904.

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee on Group No. 5 of Railway Bills:
That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Joseph Leese reported the Thames Steamboat Service Bill, with Amendments:
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Joseph Leese reported from the Committee on the Thames Steamboat Trust 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.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 13th day of May next, the Local Taxation Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Baker Street Third Reading of the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Sir William Hart Dyke, 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.

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

At the allotted day.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class I.
Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £18,930 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 1905 for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants in Aid of Harbours:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £18,830 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Soares.)

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 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.
Beased, That this House will, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the Baker Street Third Reading of the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and that a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Sir William Hart Dyke, 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class I.
Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £18,930 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 1905 for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants in Aid of Harbours.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Sir Alexander Acland—158.
Mr. Fellowes—243.

Tellers for the Nays, 
Mr. Soares—164.
Mr. Fletcher Moulton—105.

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £18,930 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 1905 for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants in Aid of Harbours:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £18,830 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Soares.)

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 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.

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 12th day of this instant April; 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 April; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That it is expedient to authorise the continuance of the payment of the terminable Annuity payable under section one of the Savings Banks Act, 1880, in each year up to the end of the half-year ending on 20th May, 1897, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Savings Banks Acts; 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the second of the Resolutions which, upon the 26th day of this instant April, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and which Resolution was then deferred; Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 26th day of this instant April; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday 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 Monday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Medical Officers' (Ireland) 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 Merchandise Marks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Bill; VOL. 189.

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 Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Infant Life Second Reading of the Infant Life Protection Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Trustee Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the House-letting Second Reading of the House-letting (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill [Lords] upon Thursday 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 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 1904, showing in each case the ground of the 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 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 194 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Cochrane.)

Readed, 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 Return showing the number of from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Motor Cars from other Motor Cars) registered by each registering authority in the United Kingdom under the Motor Car Act, 1903, up to the 1st day of January 1904 and the 1st day of April 1904, respectively; together with the number of Licences under the Act granted to drivers of Motor Cars by each authority at the same dates, distinguishing between Licences limited to the driving of Motor Cycles and Licences not so limited.—(Mr. Scott Montagu.)

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

[No. 55.]
Friday, 29th April 1904.
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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.—

Preston and Blackburn Tramways 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 Petition for the following Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.—

City of London (Central Criminal Court House).
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.—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That the Great Central Railway Bill be now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Harrow Road and Paddington 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 Doonagore Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ipswich Dock Commission Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Westowuper-Mare Grand Pier 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.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Government Board for Ireland with respect to the Urban County District of Ennisibike.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the Royal Parks directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Government Rules for the Royal Parks and Gardens in connection with the Regulations prescribed by the Parks Regulations Act, 1872.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Annes presented, pursuant to the Universities directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Cambridge Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, under the University Statutes of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on No. 149, 17th December 1903, amending Statutes XXVIII., XXXIX., XXXI., XLIII., XLI., and LXI. of the College Statutes.
Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 9th December 1903, amending Statutes XXXIII., IV., V., X., XII., XIII., XV., XVI., XVII., and XVIII. of the College Statutes.
Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Balliol College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 15th December 1903, amending Statute V. (Oxford).—Clause 3 (a), of the Statutes of the College.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Most Honourable the Marquess of Salisbury, preserved at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire. Part X.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Pretyman presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Hydrographer of the Admiralty of the work performed under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty during the year 1903 in the examination and charting of the Seas and Coasts in various parts of the Globe.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas are in the Majority; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Captain Donelan; Mr. Fellowes.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Alexander Islie; Mr. Donelan.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (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 being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contempt of Court (Ireland) 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 22nd day of this instant April, That the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of this instant April, That the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Resident Magistrates (Belfast) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

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the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the County Palatine of Lancaster and the Counties of Rutland and Northampton; and that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Godalming, Haywards Heath, Northallerton, and Tipton: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to East Dereham and Necton: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, Leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Kinginfood, West Ham and the Knighton and Teme, the North East Durham, and the South Shields Rural and Southwick-on-Wear 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 Board relating to County Palatine of Lancaster, and the Counties of Richmond and Cleveland: And the same was read the first time. Bill 168.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Kinginfood, West Ham and the Knighton and Teme, the North East Durham, and the South Shields Rural and Southwick-on-Wear Joint Hospital Districts: And the same was read the first time. Bill 169.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to County Palatine of Lancaster, and the Counties of Richmond and Cleveland: And the same was read the first time. Bill 170.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to East Dereham and Necton: And the same was read the first time. Bill 171.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Liverpool and To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the imposition of a certain Stamp Duty in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or assurances which, in case the Bill had not been passed into an Act, would have been
Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the number of Tenancies determined, in the quarter ended 31st March 1904.

Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the number of Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the quarter ended the 31st day of March 1904.

Copy of Royal Warrant approving of alterations in the Statutes of the Royal University of Ireland.

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Paper made in pursuance of Section 88, subsection 5, of the Irish Land Act, 1903, dated 23rd April 1904.

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

Barbarossa.

Mr. Secretary Lloydtton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of amended Prison Rules relating to Visits and Instruction of the Chaplain, the Officers' Reward Fund, and Labour for Juvenile Prisoners in Barbarosa.

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

Railway Returns (Preliminary Statement.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return relating to the Railways of the United Kingdom for the year 1903 (preliminary Statement).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitian Gas Companies for the year 1903.

Orderd, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Gas Companies (Metropolitan) be printed.

East India (Tients).

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Papers relating to Tients (in continuation of [C. 1282]).

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee appointed in 1903 to inquire into the expediency of maintaining the Royal Indian Engineering College, and other matters, together with an analysis and index of the Evidence.

Copy of Papers and Correspondence relating to the expediency of maintaining the Royal Indian Engineering College, and other matters.

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

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3148 to 3160.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series).

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

Crown Agents.

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 total amount, including loans, on which any commission was charged or received by the Crown Agents for the Colonies during each of the last five years, differentiating between (1) commercial, railway, and general business; and (2) financial, loan, and miscellaneous business; also the total amount of commission charged or received in each year; and also the separate totals debited and commission charged to each Colony and Protectorate in each of the said years.—(Mr. Austin Taylor.)

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Purchase of Land (England and Wales) Bill was read, and discharged.

Orderd, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Small Holdings Bill was read, and discharged.

Orderd, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

Orderd, That a Message be sent to the Lords Private to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Select Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Water) Bill, a Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Great and City Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, Northern and City Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, and the Corbridge Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Hampton-in- Arden Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm and give effect to arrangements between the Corporation of Manchester and the Ship Canal Company with respect to the financial relations between the two bodies, and to empower the Manchester Ship Canal Company to raise further money by borrowing, and to create 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 authorise the Urban District Council of Water Bill

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Shipley to purchase the gas undertaking of Sir Titus Salt, Barrow, Sons, and Company, Limited, and to acquire land, construct street X 3

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works, consolidate their loans and borrow money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Manchester Ship Canal (Finance) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Ebbw Vale Union District Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Shipley Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sir Howard Vincent, supported by Mr. Samuel Roberts, presented a Bill to amend the sixteenth section of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (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 the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 3rd May 1904:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Acland; Mr. Herbert Gladstone; Mr. Causton; Mr. E. Acland; Mr. Weir.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—Question put ( pursuant to a Resolution of the House )

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 the Indian Second Reading of the Indian Councils Bill; Committees Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Second Reading of the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill; Committees Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill; Committees Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill; Committees Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Committees Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Second Reading of the Dogs Bill; Committees Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;—And the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons and Birming- ham Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Committees Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill:
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 the 29th day of April last (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 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply of Easements 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 Second Reading of the Easement of Light Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant May.

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 Tuesday the 10th 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes, &c. Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of this instant May.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Contempt of Court (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Commercial Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Port and Docks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company (Stamp Duties).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or assurances which, in case the Bill had not been passed into an Act, would have been required to pass to and vest in the Company certain property, there be charged a Stamp Duty of five pounds, and such Duty shall be impressed upon the certificate to be given by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies under the third section hereof. (Mr. Caldwell.) 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 Tomorrow.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Irish Land Commission (Rules), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant May, be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agricultural Report on the District between Foi and Kiu in the East Africa Protectorate, by Mr. A. Lennon, Director of Agriculture, East Africa Protectorate; and Return of Game shot in the Protectorate during 1903.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statement as to the procedure followed by the Board of Island Revenue in ascertaining the value of property for the purposes of Estate Duty.—(Mr. Cochrane.)

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statement showing, for each county and county borough, the number of publicans' and beerhouse Licences; and, approximately, the maximum sum leviable under the Licensing Bill in each area.—(Mr. Cochrane.)

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) the Rates of Duties, Taxes, or Imposts collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the quantities or amounts taxed; (3) the gross receipts derived from each Duty: (4) the net receipts and appropriations thereof in the year ending the 31st day of March 1904; and (1) the aggregate gross receipts derived from all such Duties, Taxes, or Imposts under the principal heads of Revenue; (2) the aggregate net receipts; (3) the charges of collection; and (4) the produce after deducting these charges on each of the ten years ending the 31st day of March 1904:—And Notes to show any changes in the Taxes, Duties, and Imposts consequent upon the acceptance of the Budget proposals of 1904 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 313 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Goddard.)

Mr. Henry Holhouse reported from the Committee on Railway Bills on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills (Group No. 8) that the parties opposing the London United Tramways Bill had stated that the evidence of Police Inspector E. Digby 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 Police Inspector E. Digby do attend the said Committee to-day, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That Police Inspector E. Digby do attend the Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills to-day at Three of the clock.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Trade, his Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, that the evidence of Mr. W. S. Goddard had stated that the Standing Committee 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 upon Friday the 17th day of June next; and be printed.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Trade, his Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, that the evidence of Mr. W. S. Goddard had stated that the Standing Committee 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.

Mr. Holseby reported from the Committee Selection of Members that they had discharged the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures (Mr. Victor Cavendish had been substituted in place of Sir John Barrington Simeon).—(Mr. Holseby.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holseby reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions which were read, as follow: 1. That in the case of the City of London Court of Criminal Court House, Petition for Redress of a Patent Bill (Lord) the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill with their Bill.

2. That in the case of Richard Jagger's Patent Bill (Lord) 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.

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 Norwich Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats) Bill, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to vary and amend the provisions of the South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Acts, 1891 and 1894, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to free Maidenhead Bridge from tolls; to enable the Corporation of Maidenhead to borrow money for discharging the mortgage debt on the bridge; for vesting the Bridge Estates in the Corporation, and for other purposes in connection therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Maidenhead Bridge Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill. Bill 175.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, 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 Acland-Hood, Yeas, Mr. Fellowes : 240];

Tellers for the [Mr. William McArthur, Noes, Mr. Constable : 163];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.


The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the second of the Resolutions which, upon the 26th day of April last, were reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, viz.—

Customs—Tobacco.

That the duties of Customs payable under section one of the Finance Act, 1896, on manufactured tobacco shall, on and after the twentieth day of April Nineteen hundred and four, be increased, in the case of cigars, by six pence per pound, and in the case of cigarettes, by one shilling per pound; and the duties payable under the same section on unmanufactured tobacco shall, on and after the same date, be increased, in the case of stripped tobacco, by three pence per pound;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after half-past 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 Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution, That the additional Excise Duties on Beers 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 five;

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

Sir Joseph L. rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put; The House divided:—The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Acton—Evelyn;

Yes, Mr. Fellowes:—206.

Tellers for the

Sir Thomas Esmonts,

Noes, Captain Donelan:—146.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be a further Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in a Bill upon the Resolution reported from the Committee on the 26th day of April last, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolutions.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Finance Bill. Bill 170.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other Duties, and to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue and the National Debt, and to make other provisions for the financial arrangements of the year: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Cabinet Agreement [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cabinet Agreement [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Penal Servitude Bill.

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 To-morrow.

Provincial Order (Marriage) Bill.

Mr. Speaker desires to propose a Question (Abuse of Rules.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provincial Order (Marriage) 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; Mr. Dalziel moved, That the Debate be now adjourned: but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 4th May 1904:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill: (Scotland) Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons Committee on the Alien Second Reading of the Prisons Bill; (Scotland) Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Hours Second Reading of the Shop Hours 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 Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill Bill [Lords.]: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Indian Education (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 Indian Second Reading of the Indian Councils Bill; Committee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies, Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of 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 Construction Second Reading of the Construction Districts (Scotland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) 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 Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) 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 28th 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 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the 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 the 12th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Scotland) Act (1896) 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 Coal Mines (Weighing of Minerals) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of this instant May.

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 Local Authorities (Qualification of Women) 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 Vagrancy 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 Conspiracy (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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) 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 28th day of April last (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 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply;
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 Conspiracy (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consecutive Bill (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Characters (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire to what extent the statutory requirements applying to British Ships trading to and from ports in the United Kingdom should be made applicable to Foreign Vessels trading to and from such ports—(Mr. Gerald Balfour):
—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Midnight, and objection 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 four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 4th May 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The Victoria University of Manchester 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 Chesterfield Corporation (Tramways and Improvements) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Preston and Blackburn Tramways Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Coldwell reported from the Committee on Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company [Stamp Duties] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That in lieu of the Stamp Duties which would have been payable upon the deeds or assurances...
which, in case the Bill had not been passed into an Act, would have been required to pass to and vest in the Company certain property, there be charged a Stamp Duty of five pounds, and such Duty shall be imposed upon the certificate to be given by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies under the third section hereof.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lords] that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution. —(Mr. Cadlecore.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban Districts of Blackrock, Cloneal, Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack, Kings-town, New-Pho, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathgar, Templemore, and Thetford, and the Counties of Dublin, Tipperary (North Riding), and Tipperary (South Riding): And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Wynham do prepare, and bring in it.

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 Banger and Newtowards and the County of Cork United Districts, and the Ports of New Ross and Waterford: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Wynham do prepare, and bring in it.

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 Blackrock, Cloneal, Dalkey, Killiney and Ballybrack, Kings-town, New-Pho, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathgar, Templemore, and Thetford, and the Counties of Dublin, Tipperary (North Riding), and Tipperary (South Riding): And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Banger and Newtowards and the County of Cork United Districts, and the Ports of New Ross and 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.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Education under Sections 17 (7) and 21 of the Education Act, 1902, relating to the County Boroughs of Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire): And that Sir William Anson and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring in it.

Sir William Anson accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Education under Sections 17 (7) and 21 of the Education Act, 1902, relating to the County Boroughs of Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire): 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 read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by Ankylostoma—His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Depart- ment by E. Balfour, Esquire, on the diagnosis of Ankylostoma infection, with special reference to the examination of the Blood.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing (1) the aggregate gross Liabilities of the State as represented by the nominal funded Debt, estimated capital Liability in respect of terminal Annuities, unfunded Debt, and other Liabilities in respect of Debt, the estimated Assets, and the Exchequer Balances, at the close of each financial year from 1855-6 to 1903-4, both inclusive; and (2) the gross and net Expenditure charged annually during the year period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other payments connected with capital Liabilities (in continuation), Parliamentary Paper, [C. 1581] of Session 1903.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant Public Works to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Ireland.) Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 26th April 1904, authorising the sale of a portion of foreshore near the old Harbour of Dunleary, not required for the purposes of Kings-town Harbour. Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 29th April supernumerary 1904, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, from Act, 1884, declaring that George Hodfield, Vitter Markerr- our, County Carriage Department, 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His railway Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Accidents Majesty's Command, — Copy of Return showing and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year ending 31st December 1903 : together with the Reports of the Inspectorating Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

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

Sir Charles Dairymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That Petitions they had examined the Petitions presented upon (with) the 25th and 26th days of March last, and the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th days of April last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To the Poor Law, the Poor Law Medical Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reding of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill; and Birmingham Bill.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—
And an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in view of the continuance in the Established Church of England and Wales of grave and widespread disorders which the Archbishops and Bishops have failed to restrain, this House declines to assent to any revival of the provisions of the Bishops of Act, 1878, until satisfactory assurances are obtained that the Archbishops and Bishops will enforce a reasonable conformity by the clergy to the Book of Common Prayer, the Articles of Religion, and the Law as determined by the Courts which have statutory jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical"—(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 Yeas,
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes;
Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Brynmor Jones; 97.

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 Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes; 279.
Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Fellowes; 85.

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 the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—(Mr. Balfour):—
And a Debate arising thereupon:
Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes; 282.
Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Fellowes; 85.
Mr. Ellis Griffiths, Mr. Fellowes; 85.
Mr. Slack, Mr. Fellowes; 85.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—(Mr. Balfour):
And a Debate arising thereupon:
Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes; 232.
Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Fellowes; 129.
Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. Fellowes; 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes; 236.
Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Fellowes; 120.
Mr. Ellis Griffiths, Mr. Fellowes; 120.
Mr. Daley, Mr. Fellowes; 120.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 26th day of February last, That the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill now read a second time;—(Mr. Gerald Balfour);—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 16th day of this instant May.

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

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Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned till Monday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the debate on the question proposed upon the 22nd day of April last, that the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conspiracy (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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; 

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 59.] Thursday, 5th May 1904.

The House met at two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Lords to the Hampton-in-Arden Gas Bill; and the same were read twice, 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 Ipswich Dock Commission Bill (Lord's) 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 Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to authorise the raising by borrowing of money for the provision of sites and premises for the Sessions of the Central Criminal Court was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage Act, 1861, relating to lands in the Parishes of Ouston and West Butterwick, in the County of Lincoln (Parts of Lindsey): And that Mr. Fellowes and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Fellowes accordingly presented a Bill to land confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, relating to lands in the Parishes of Ouston and West Butterwick, in the County of Lincoln (Parts of Lindsey); 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 Lyttelton, presented, by His Majesty, the Lord Advocate, by His Board Majesties Command,—Copy of further Correspondence relating to the Political Condition of Malta, 1903.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton, also presented, pursuant to the directions of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in the Report of the Select Committee on the Motor Car Act, 1903 (Victoria), No. 1895.

Copy of the Electoral Provinces Boundaries Act, 1903 (Victoria), No. 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Victoria, 1903 (Electoral Districts Boundaries Act, 1903) No. 189, and Victoria (the Electoral Provinces Boundaries Act, 1903) be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Fishery Board Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-second (Scottish) Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1903. Part I. Report.

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

Mr. Walter Long, presented, by His Majesty's Motor Car Command,—Report of the Departmental Committee, appointed by the President of the Local Government Board to inquire with regard to regulations for the purposes of Section 12 of the Motor Car Act, 1903. Part I. Report.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee, appointed by the President of the Local Government Board to inquire with regard to regulations for the purposes of Section 12 of the Motor Car Act, 1903. Part II., Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Index to Evidence. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3151 and 3152. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in their Session 1886, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Register of Temporary Laws for the Fifth Session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (4 Edward Vll, 1904).

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
Mr. Henry Hobhouse reported from the Committee on the London United Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 23rd February last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 5a.

Mr. Henry Hobhouse further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Bond reported the London and India Docks Company Bill, with Amendments. 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 Mr. Local Hozier, Dr. Forquharson, Sir Charles Bevan, and Mr. Dewar, presented a Bill to make further provision for Local Government in Bill 181, Scotland, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant May; 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, 1904-5.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £10,485 be granted to His Majesty for the completion of the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905 for the Salaries and expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and subordinate Office, expenses under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, and expenses under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1896, including a Grant in Aid of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Weir)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed: Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C (Congested Districts Board (Scotland), Grant in Aid) be reduced by £100. —(Mr. John Dewar.)

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 Bill, and had been 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.

London United Tramways Bill.

The Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Major Seely, Member for the Isle of Wight, adjournment, rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. "the cruel and improper treatment of South African Natives employed on the Witwatersrand Mines, as disclosed by the Report of the Delegates and Correspondence relating thereto contained in the Blue Book, G. 4, 1904, lately presented to both Houses of Parliament at the Cape of Good Hope by command of his Excellency the Governor;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:—The Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting this day.

Mr. Maxwell, supported by Mr. Ure, Mr. local Hozier, Dr. Forquharson, Sir Charles Bevan, and Mr. Dewar, presented a Bill to facilitate the construction of their authorised railways and works; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to constitute certain temporary railways and works in connection with their 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 authorize the Chesterfield Gas and Water Board to make new waterworks and extend their gasworks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Corporation of Harrogate to construct a temporary tramroad, telephonic communication, and other works in connection with their 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 confederate further powers upon the North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Company for the construction of railways and the raising of capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for empowering the Corporation of Leeds to construct certain temporary railways and works to facilitate the construction of their authorised waterworks in the Valley of the Bure, and to authorize the placing of electric lines in certain highways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to empower the Corporation of Leeds to construct certain temporary railways and works to facilitate the construction of their authorised waterworks in the Valley of the Bure, and to authorize the placing of electric lines in certain highways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Company for the construction of railways and the raising of capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Balfour of Burleigh to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Wales) Bill.

The Chesterfield Gas and Water Board Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Sobey);—The House proceeded to a Division. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 6th May 1904:
The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Major Sobey;—Yea, [Mr. Churchill]: 150,
Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland—No, [Mr. Fellowes]: 213,

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Miner and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords];—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon 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 28th 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 14th day of April last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treaty 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 Indian Councils 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 Loan Societies (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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;—Voted 199.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatories and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Chartered Second Reading of the Chartered Societies (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Unions Second Reading of the Scales Unions and Trade Disputes (No. 2) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday the 16th day of this instant May, by Mr. Claude Hay—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Second Reading of the Highways Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nurses and Second Reading of the Nurses and Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill (Lords). The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

House-lotting (Scotland) Bill.

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

Orders not previously inquired into, and which are viz.:—

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House-lotting (Scotland) Bill;

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

Contempt of Court (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contempt of Court (Ireland) Bill;

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

Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of April last, That the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

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

Jury Acts (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) Bill;

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

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;

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

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

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[No. 60.]

Friday, 6th May 1904.

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, viz.:—

- Ebbe Vale Urban District Water Bill [Lords].
- Manchester Ship Canal (Finance) 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 Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats) 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 Doncaster Corporation Bill was 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 Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1902 (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Bill [Lords.]

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 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 Suez Commercial Dock Bill was read Suez Commercial Dock Bill 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 Crystal Palace District 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 Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Thames River Steamboat Service Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bolton, Congleton, Keighley, Newton-in-Makerfield, Oswestry, and Wrexham: 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 Local Government Board relating to Cheshill, East Ham, Great Crosby, and Yoxall: And that (No. 16.) 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 Local Government Board relating to Guildford, New Sarum, and the County of Wiltz: And (No. 11.) 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 Blackpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth, and Wigan: 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 Bolton, Congleton, Kirby, Newton-in-Makerfield, Stockport, and Wigan: 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 Ashton-under-Lyne and District, the Congleton and District, and the Madeley, and District 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 Board relating to Bingley, Blackpool, Wigan, and several other places: 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 Castleford, Northallerton, Dewsbury, and the County of Westmoreland: 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 Ashington and District, the Congleton and District, and the Mill Hill, and District Joint Hospital Districts; And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Castlereagh (Rural), Midleton (Rural), North Dublin (Rural), and Westport: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Castlereagh (Rural), Midleton (Rural), North Dublin (Rural), and Westport: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Census of Ireland, 1901. (General Topographical Index).

Copy of Return of Prices of certain classes of Agricultural Irish Agricultural Produce and Livestock (Ireland) for the year 1903.

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the two Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland with respect to the Urban County Districts of Ballymoney and Ballymena.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to conditions of Native Labour employed in Transvaal Mines.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 2nd May 1904, granting to Henry Edwards, Preventive Officer (Lower Section), London, Customs, a retired allowance under the Act.

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

The Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Bill was, Registration according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Order, This the Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Taxation and Purchase of Land) Bill, committed to the Standing Committee on Trades, &c. (including Agriculture and Fishing), Sliping, and Manufactures.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Taxation and Purchase of Land) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Local Bill, upon Friday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Lights Second Reading of the Irish Lights Board Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cottage Homes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Pensioners 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 Tenants (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Charges (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June 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 Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant May.

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 Friday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill; 
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Separation (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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Contempt of Court (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Act, 1884: And that Sir Edward Strachey, Sir Albert Rollis, Sir Harry Samuel, Sir William Holland, and Mr. Ring do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Edward Strachey accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Act, 1884: 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 the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law in relation to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children, 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 Clyde Valley Electrical Power 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 change the name of the Llanelli Harbour and Barry Navigation Commissioners to the Llanelli Harbour Trust, and to alter the constitution of the Trust; to revive and extend the powers for the compulsory purchase of lands and for the execution of works under the Llanelli Harbour Acts, 1896 and 1901, and otherwise amend those Acts; to empower the Trust to borrow money; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to enable the Governors of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew's Great, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Plymouth Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The Barnard Castle Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Llanelli Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the THAMES RIVER STEAMBOAT SERVICE BILL, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting (Standing Orders) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas, in reply to a Question, stated that for the purpose of altering certain Polling Districts in the Totternham Parliamentary Division, an Order in Council had been made, and that no objection had been made to it.
The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command, presented, on the 3rd of March, a Return of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Estates, and a Return of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments by the Board of Education, 1892-3.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to a direction of a Bill for the regulation of Elementary Schools, with Schedules, by the Clerk of the House, 1904.

Copy of Abstract of the Accounts of the University of St. Andrews to the Secretaries for Scotland, for the year ending the 30th September 1903, being the Annual Report of 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 of St. Andrews to the Secretaries for Scotland under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year 1902-3.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the University of St. Andrews be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3153 to 3156.

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:

Copy of Report made to the Lord Chancellor under the Lunacy Act, 1886, by the Visitors of Lunatic Asylums, of the number of patients seen, and the number of patients discharged, and the number of miles travelled by the said Visitors, between the 1st day of October 1903 and the 31st day of March 1904.

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 1903, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Local Loans Fund be printed.

Order, 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 Reembursement in Scotland, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1903, 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 Heirs in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Reembursement, in the same year.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

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 Sutton Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bishop's Stanfords and District Gas Bill, without any Amendment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir Alexander Acton-Hood)—it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

**[No. 62.]**

**Tuesday, 10th May, 1904.**

The House met at Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker's Indignation.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to indisposition; whereupon Mr. James William Leechter, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—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.:

- Llanelly Harbour Bill [Lords].
- Metropolitan District Railway Bill [Lords].
- Shipley Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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.:

- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wellington (Somerset) Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Crystal Palace District Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:—An Act to change the name of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company to the South Suburban Gas Company, and to confer further powers on the Company.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Metropolitan 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 Tottenham 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 West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment) 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 City of London (Central Criminal Court House) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment. (Abridged.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order 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 Brighouse, Powlith, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Worsley, and the North Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District; And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Grant Lawson accordingly presented a local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brighouse, Powlith, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Worsley, and the North Staffordshire Joint Small-pox Hospital District: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring in it.

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, pursuant to the Irish Land directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of the Report made by the Irish Land Commission under the Land Purchase Acts as to Assistant Commissioners, dated the 23rd April 1904.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom other than those of Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1903 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 331 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities, for the year ended the 25th day of March 1904 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 330 of Session 1904).—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Mr. Hailey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee...
and a tramroad and other works in the West Riding of the County of York, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Police Superannuation Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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 Monday next.

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

Naval Prize Bill [Lords]. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Education (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

False Statements (Companies) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Concert Agreement [Money] Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Concerted Agreement [Money]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Provisonal Order (Marriages) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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.

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

Irish Land Bill. 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 upon Monday next.

Labourers (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Aliens Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Aliens Bill; 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 Second Reading of the Market Gardeners' Compensation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June 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 Vagrancy Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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 Monday next.

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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Sale of Whisky Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant May.

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 18th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Travellers' Certificates Suspension Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Fencing) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief of the Friendly Societies (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Conspiracy Second Reading of the Conspiracy (Ireland) Bill; (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 Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
THE House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoid-
able absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to the continuance of his indisposition: Whereupon Mr. James William Leatham, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Ebbw Vale Urban District Water Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented; by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Preferential and Reciprocal Trade Act (New Zealand), 1893.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 10th day of March last, for a Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure).

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Further Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of August 1898, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster).

Ordered, That the said Return 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 Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Jordan.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Committees do not sit To-morrow being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock—

(Mr. Balfour); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Talbot, Sir John Kenmaney) :—

112.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Longchamp, Mr. Thomas Bayley) :—

96.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Licensing Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Licensing Bill be now read a second time; and committed.

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. Burt); And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate:

Colonel Sandys rose in his place and claimed Closure to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Deputy Speaker declined then to put that Question:—Then the House divided.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour 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 Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. E. A. Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes) :—

329.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. William M'Arthur) :—

224.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

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 Yeas, (Mr. E. A. Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes) :—

353.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. William M'Arthur) :—

196.

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 the 6th day of June next.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Police and Sanitary Committee:—That in the case of the Carlisle 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.

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So it was resolved in the Negative.

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And the Question being put, That the Question put be now put;—The House divided.

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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 the 6th day of June next.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that, in order to give Members a full and free choice in the Expenses of the selection of Parliamentary candidates, the charges...
now made by the Returning Officer to the candidates should be chargeable to public funds, and that all Members of the House of Commons should receive from the State a reasonable stipend during their Parliamentary life—(Mr. Arthur Henderson);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noses to the Left:
Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Arthur Henderson, 155.
Tellers for the Noses—Sir Alexander Acland, 221.
So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the decrease of population in the Crofting Counties of Scotland, and the causes of and remedies for the same—(Mr. Ainsworth)—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Thursday, 12th May 1904:
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Housing of the Working Classes, &c. Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries Acts (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 Public Libraries Acts (Extension) 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 Values (Assessment and Rating) 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 Public Trustee 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 Bills of Exchange 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 Extraction of Minerals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June 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 Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes (No. 2) 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 20th day of April last, That the Board of Education should require arrangements to be made by the local education authorities whereby every child compelled by law to attend a public elementary school shall have received proper nourishment before being subjected to mental or physical instruction; and that in cases in which proper food has not been provided for the child by its parents it should be first supplied by the local education authority, and subsequently suitable action taken to recover the cost—(Mr. Claude Hay);
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of April last, That the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Weights and Measures Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
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 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of the Adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Dogs Bill may be resumed—(Mr. Frederick Banbury); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes, (Mr. Fellowes—J. Courtenay Warner, A. Adan)—165.

Tellers for the Yes—Mr. Fellows; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Corrie Grant; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Joint Committee of last Session, be considered in Committee of the whole House upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Penal Servitude Bill may be resumed—(Mr. Gerald Balfour); The House divided.

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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill may be resumed—(Mr. Frederick Banbury); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) 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 Indian Councils 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Referentary Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, bill, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

TH E House being met, the Clerk at the Mr. Speaker's Table informed the House of the unavoidable indisposition, and absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to the continuance of his indisposition—Whereupon Mr. James William Lowther, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

[No. 64.]

Thursday, 12th May 1904.
Private Bills (No. 7.)—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.

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.—:

Bills of the Class of Royal Sanitary Bills, Under the Local Government Act, 1894, for the purposes of Local Government in the City of London, to the Local Government Board for Ireland, and the Lords.

Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—:

Order, that the Paper do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business was again brought in and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a selection of (Scotland) Circular Letters of the Scotch Education Department, 1896–1898, with explanatory Memorandum.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Scotland) Estimate of the Revenues and Expenditure of the Government of India for the year 1903–4, compared with the results of 1902–3.

Copy of the Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to East India (Home Accounts) be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the (Ireland) Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1903.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas, that no Return (Scotland) be made for the year 1902–3 of the (Scotland) and of the Revenue Accounts of the East India Company for the year 1902–3.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of the Inebriates Act, 1888, for the management and discipline of State Inebriates Reformatory Hospitals.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Light Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners in pursuance of the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, amending the Aldershot and Farnborough Light Railway Order, 1902 (Aldershot and Farnborough Light Railway (Amendment) Order, 1904).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, amending the Cranbrook and Tenterden Light Railway Order, 1899, and for other purposes (Kent and East Sussex Light Railway—General) (Order, 1904).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 24, Subsection (4), of the said Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in
the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, on the Schedule of maximum Rates and Charges to be made applicable to the Canals of the Royalty. The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the University of Leeds Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting the date of the Charter recently granted constituting the University of Leeds; 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 Yorktown and Blackwater 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 gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Railway Bills Committee on Group No. 5 of Railway Bills; [Group No. 6,] That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Hobhouse reported from the Railway Bills Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills; [Group No. 6,] That Mr. Crean, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply [2nd allotted Day.]

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £10,259 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 1905 for the Salaries and expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England:

Whereon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £10,159 be granted for the said service.—(Sir Edward Strachey.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Sir Edward Strachey, Yea. [Sir John Tate: 126.

Sir Alexander Acland-] Nays, [Mr. Fellowes: 216.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,409,618 be granted to
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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
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 upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurse and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (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 Jury Acts (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 18th day of March last, That the Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Conspiracy (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Mr. Bamford Slack, Mr. Bousfield, and Mr. Heydon were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) Bill.—(Sir Alexander Actland-Hood.)

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

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Friday, 13th May 1901.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders are not applicable, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

Education Board Provisional Orders (Cardiff and Newport, (Monmouthshire)) Bill.

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

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration Amendment to the Brynmbo Water Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cambrian Railways Bill [Lords], as Railways Order Bills, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and India Docks Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government 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. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1890, and the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1902, relating to Barrhead, Ruthwell, Eastwood and Cathcart, Johnstone, Kilpatrick, Larken, Renfrew, and Shettleston; And that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bonar Law accordingly presented a Bill Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Acts, 1882 and 1888, the Electric Lighting Bill, Bill 155.

[No. 65.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Nurses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping Bill; Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Chartered Societies Reorganization Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Lights Board Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Resident Magistrates (Renewal) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Marriage Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Act Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Winter Assizes Second Reading of the Winter Assizes (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disenfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Jury Act Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of March last, That the Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.
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No. 65. [Lords.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill [No. 2].

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

Mr. Reynold Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Radcliffes 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. John William Wilson reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section B); That in the case of the Ipswich 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.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Merchant Shipping Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of July next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Bill, intituled An Act for empowering the Corporation of Huddersfield to construct tramways, street improvements, and other works, and to acquire the ferries across the haven; to make further provisions, and other works, and to acquire the ferries across the haven; to make further provision in regard to the health, local government, and improvement of the said borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers upon the Leicester and Warwickshire Electric Power Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Marylebone Chapels (Saint James, Westminster Street) Bill [Lords].

Minshull Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords].

West Riding Tramways 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, that is to say, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, that is to say, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) 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, that is to say, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

[No. 66.]

Monday, 16th May 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, that is to say, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

The Derbysire and Nottinghamshsire Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Cardiff Railway 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-four minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
A Motion being made, That the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Secretary Brodrick, 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Harrow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ninewells and Chibbers Coton Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chesterfield Gas and Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Lanesly Harbour Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Maidenshead Bridge Bill [Lords] be read a second time To-morrow.

The Metropolitan District Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The South, Penteadens, and Brynmen Tramway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Skipton Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Gosport Water Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this evening.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Thames River Steamboat Service Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Board Provisional Orders (Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire)) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick.)

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. Attorney General; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Solicitor General.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Laurence Hardy reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) the Proceedings of Parish Councils in regard to Allotments and Common Pasture under Section 26 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894; and (2) the Proceedings of County Councils in regard to representations by Parish Councils for Orders under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, Section 26, authorising local boards to be taken over for the purposes of allotments since the date of the last Return on the 16th day of July last (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 257 of Session 1893).—(Mr. Eugene Wason.)

Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel.)

Sir James Fergusson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Sir James Fergusson to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in the place of Mr. Laurence Hardy.

Sir James Fergusson further reported; That they had appointed Mr. John Edward Ellis to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in the place of Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Lord Alynne Compton);—It was decided in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary (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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, having regard to the heavy burden of taxation proposed by this Bill in a time of peace, deems it necessary to declare its condemnation of the large and continuous increase of the national expenditure in recent years."—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.)

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 the Gosport Water Third Reading of the Gosport Water Bill [Lords]; A verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

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 Order of the day being read, for resuming Finance Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant May, 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, having regard to the heavy burden of taxation proposed by this Bill in a time of peace, deems it necessary to declare its condemnation of the large and continuous increase of the national expenditure in recent years."—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman);

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

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Lord Alynne Compton);—It was decided in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Aliens Bill Committee on the Aliens Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Constabulary Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Site for Duke Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Education Authority Definitive) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Parliament (Superannuation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Parliament (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Shop Hours Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Hours Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Naval Prize Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Education (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Education (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

False Statements (Companies) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Canard Agreement [Money.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Canard Agreement [Money]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Butter Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Irish Land Bill.

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 upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Labourers (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Prisons (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Port of London Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Port of London Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Penal Servitude Bill.

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 upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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 Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation Bill. Second Reading of the Valuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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 Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Councils Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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 upon Tuesday the 31st 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 Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory Schools Bill; Ordered, That the House will, upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Tobacco 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of June next.

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 Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 1st day of June 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 the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and County Councils (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of June 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 Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teinds (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of June 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 this day.

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 Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.
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 Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams 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 Second Reading of the Irish Lights Board Bill;

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

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

[No. 67.]

Tuesday, 17th May 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ryde Gas 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 Brimble 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 Cambrian Railways 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 London and India Docks 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Elysee Palace Hotel Company Bill [Lords.] as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Board Provisional Orders (Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire) Bill);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 Cwmphill, Epsom Rural District (Cheam), Mansfield Woodhouse, North Worcestershire (Bromsgrove Urban), Stroud, Nailsworth and Dursley, and Sutton-in-Ashfield; and that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bonar Law accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Cwmphill, Epsom Rural District (Cheam), Mansfield Woodhouse, North Worcestershire (Bromsgrove Urban), Stroud, Nailsworth and Dursley, and Sutton-in-Ashfield; and the same was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under Sections 17 (7) and 21 of the Education Act, 1902, relating to the County Borough of Smethwick: And that Sir William Anson and Mr. Victor Conybeare do prepare, and bring it in.
Sir William Anson accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under Section 17 (7) and 21 of the Education Act, 1902, relating to the County Borough of Swansea: 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 Aker-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1902. 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.

Copy of General Report of the Board of Trade upon the Accidents which have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1903.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fourth Report of the Controller of His Majesty's Stationery Office.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners for the year 1903; and a Statement of Accounts for the same period.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3161 to 3163.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Act, 1860, for effecting an union of the Benefices of Saint Saviour, Fitzroy Square, with Saint Saviour, Fitzroy Square.

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 how many firms were invited by the Crown Agents to tender for the supply of each of the following articles on the latest occasion within the last three years on which an order for considerable quantities of such articles was given by the Crown Agents, namely: Railway Rails, Steel Sleepers, Steel Bridges, Locomotives, Railway Trucks, Railway Carriages, Electric Cranes, Steam Cranes, Corrugated Iron, Iron Pipes, Cement, Telegraph Wire, Electric Cables, Telegraph Insulators, Machinery for Electric Lighting, Engine Coal, Rifles, Cartridges, and Harness. (Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

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

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 24th day of February last, the Committee had struck out the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 5, 6, 8, 8A, and 8B; that, in pursuance of the Instructions of the House of the 24th day of March last, the Committee had struck out the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 2 and 2A.

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 so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Barnard Castle Gas Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Green Burgh (Electricity) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A) of the Borough of Skipton Water Board, and with the Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Croydon Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to provide the payment to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and application by them of moneys payable under the City and South London Railway Act, 1896, by the City and South London Railway Company in respect of the Church of St Mary Woolnoth, in the City of London, 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 making of tramways and tramroad in the City of Belfast, and in the County of Down, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for empowering the North Wales Electric Power and Trunkation Company, Limited, to construct generating stations and supply electricity in certain parts of North Wales, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the City and County of Bristol, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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.

The Preston Corporation Water 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 [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Holywood Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Walter Long, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Works Bill, and Mr. Grant Lawson, presented a Bill to consolidate the Acts relating to the Alkali, &c Works Regulation Acts, 1881 and 1892: And the same
Mr. Lee, supported by Mr. Prettgman, presented a Bill for vesting in the Admiralty certain lands at Portsmouth, with the church and buildings thereon, for the purpose of, or in connection with, the erection of Barracks, and for other matters incidental thereto: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish, supported by Mr. Fellows, presented a Bill to facilitate the opening and working of certain of the lower series of Coal Seams in His Majesty's Forest of Dean, and in the Hundred of Saint Briavels, in the County of Gloucester, and for certain other purposes connected with the Mines in the said forest and hundred: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Atherley-Jones, supported by Sir William Codlington, Mr. Wallace, and Sir Christopher Furness, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of Architects: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Earl Percy, supported by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Secretary Lyttleton, presented a Bill for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, supported by Sir William Arrol, Sir Lewis M'Iver, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Alexander Cross, Colonel Denby, Mr. Ure, and Sir Charles Broughan, presented a Bill to provide Superannuation Allowances to Poor Law Officers and Servants in Scotland, and for contributions towards such Allowances by such Officers and Servants, and to make other relevant provisions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next; and to be printed.

Sir Walter Foster, supported by Mr. Channing, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Pite, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Frederick Wilson, Mr. Herbert Samuel, and Mr. Soames, presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and the Act amending the same, and the Local Government Act, 1894, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural District Councils; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Monument to the Marquis of Salisbury.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a Monument be erected in the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Marquis of Salisbury, with an Inscription expressive of the high sense entertained by the House of Commons and the nation, of his devoted labours in Parliament and in great Offices of State; and to assure His Majesty Vol. 159.

that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. 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 Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Finance Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of this instant May, 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, having regard to the heavy burden of taxation proposed by this Bill in a time of peace, deems it necessary to declare its condemnation of the large and continuous increase of the "national expenditure in recent years"—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman); 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 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 16th day of this instant May, 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, having regard to the heavy burden of taxation proposed by this Bill in a time of peace, deems it necessary to declare its condemnation of the large and continuous increase of the "national expenditure in recent years"—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman); 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 proceeded to a Division.

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

Wednesday, 18th May 1904:

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellows, Mr. Herbert Gladstone;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Clancy)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Aliens Bill:

Committee on the Aliens 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 Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Constabulary (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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 Education (Local Authority Default) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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 Purchase of Land (England and Wales) 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 Second Reading of the Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools 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 Second Reading of the Small Holdings 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 Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Sellers' Liability 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 Second Reading of the Jurors' 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 Small Holdings 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 Second Reading of the Abolition of Disabilities Removal 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 Agricultural Education in Elementary Schools 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 Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reopening of the Bill, on the 18th of March last, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Tobacco Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conspiracy (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 Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment 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 Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1901) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Canal Traffic Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disestablishment 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 Tobacco 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 Bills of Exchange Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.
Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of the Superannuation Act, 1834, dated 14th May 1904, declaring that Henry Floodgate Telfs, Principal Foreman Writer, Woolwich Arsenal, War Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Com- mand, — Copy of Despatch from His Majesty at Peking, enclosing a Report by Mr. George J. Kidston on a journey in Mongolia.

Copy of Convention between the United States of America and China respecting the employment of Chinese Labour in British Colonies and Protectorates, Signed at London, 13th May 1904.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series, No. 609). Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3164 to 3167.

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

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 1889-90 to 1903-4, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 272 of Session 1903). — (Sir Henry Fowler.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the names of the County Officers of the Councils in England and Wales who have appointed Medical Officers of Health, with the terms of the appointments (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 202 of Session 1896).— (Mr. Frederick Wilson.)

Sir Henry Meyer-Thompson reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th 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. Henry Hobhouse reported from the Committee on the Middlesex, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Bill; That, in view of the Exchequer from 1889-90 to 1903-4, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 202 of Session 1896).— (Mr. Frederick Wilson.)

Mr. Henry Hobhouse 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. Henry Hobhouse reported from the Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills; That Mr. Cram, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee on Monday last.
Free Food. 

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the 6th part of the House, believing that the protective taxation of food would be burdensome to the people and injurious to the Empire, welcomed the declarations of Ministers that the Government was opposed to such taxation—

(Mr. Black): 

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "considers it unnecessary to" "discuss the question of fiscal reforms and the" declaration of the Prime Minister at Sheffield "on 1st October, in regard to which His Majesty's Government have announced that no proposals will be laid before the present Parliament, and, expressing its continued confidence in the present Administration, desires to proceed with the business proposed in the Gracious Speech from the Throne"—

(Mr. Wyndham), instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—

The House proceeded to a Division. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;—

Thurday, 19th May 1904: 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Black, ) (Mr. Goschen); 

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Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Fellowes); 

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So it was passed in the Negative. And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added—And a Debate arising thereupon;—

And it being after Midnight, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill was now read a second time;—

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of June next. 

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of June next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act 1897 Amendment Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 8th day of March last:—

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Readings of the Public Libraries Acts (Scotland) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 6th day of June next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries Acts (Scotland) Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 2nd June next. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries Acts (Scotland) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 28th day of June next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June 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 Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

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 upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contempt of Court (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Lights Board Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Tobacco Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister 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 Parliamentary Voters (Registration) 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Aliens Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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.

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. 69.]

Thursday, 19th May 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Ending Private Bills, That in the case of the following Orders Blyth and Harlow Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and passed, in the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the said 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 the Lords to the said Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Borough Gas Bill, Blyth and Ceulen 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 the Lords to the said Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, Whitey 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 the Lords to the said Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill, Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, 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 Bill, Whitey 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 the Lords to the said Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Paisley Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Order Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Paisley Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Service Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 2nd day of June next (Evening Sitting).

Private Bills, &c.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39, 128, and 230 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions and Mr. Wyndham's 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 of 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.)

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill. Bill 213.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1893, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Farney Bridge and Ballynahow Drainage District, in the County of Tipperary; And that Mr. Victor Cavendish and Mr. Wyndham do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Victor Cavendish accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1893, and the Acts amending the same, relating to the Farney Bridge and Ballynahow Drainage District, in the County of Tipperary; 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.

Paisley District Tramways 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 Paisley District Tramways: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray 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 Paisley District Tramways: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

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,—Copy of Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1905, made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland and approved by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

Sir William Anson, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations of the Board of Education, dated 15th May 1904, providing for the making of an account of the Education of Defective and Epileptic Children, and prescribing conditions to be fulfilled by certified schools for such children.

Board of Education.

Sir William Anson also presented, pursuant to Foreign the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Jurisdiction Order in Council, of 15th May 1904, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1899, entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate (Lands) Order in Council, 1904.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers - Douglas presented,—Experiments Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated on Living the 17th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Returns of Shipping and Commerce, and Tonnage passing through the Suez Canal, 1901, 1902, and 1903.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Irish Land a Copy of Returns (1) of estates sold to persons Act, 1903, other than the Land Commission; (2) of applica- tions for advances to which sale have not yet been completed; (3) of proceedings under various sections of the Irish Land Act, 1903; (4) of applications for advances either or partly refused; (5) of sales in the Land Judge's Court to persons other than the Land Commission; (6) of estates of lunatics sold with the sanction of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland; all in respect of the period of six months ended 30th April 1904.—(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 Land Judge's a Copy of a Return, by counties, of the estates Court in the Land Judge's Court over which receivers have been appointed.—(Mr. Wyndham.)

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and 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 Copy of the Correspondence between the India Office and the Colonial Office with reference to the British Guiana Ordinance, 1891.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Base India His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of Indian Financial Statement for 1904—5, and of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Governor-General thereon.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Resolved, That there be laid before this House Arrests for a Return giving the number of Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland) within the Metropolitan Police District of Dublin and the Cities of Belfast, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, from the hour of 8 a.m. on Sunday till 2 a.m., from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight, from 12 midnight to 8 a.m. on Monday, between the 1st day of May 1903 and the 30th day of April 1904, both days inclusive, the Arrests being given from 8 a.m. on Sundays till 8 a.m. on Mondays:—And similar Returns
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer further powers on the Urban Improvement District Council of Filey, in the East Riding of the County of York, in relation to their gas and water undertakings; and in relation to the seashore; and to make further and better provision 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.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order Pier and Harbour Provisional Order No. 1 Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Bill 214.

The Great Western Railway Bill Great Western Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Filey Improvement Bill [Lords] was read Filey Improvement Bill [Lords.] the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon House-luking Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, the (Scotland) House-luking (Scotland) Bill was read, and discussed.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented a Bill to augment Jallianwala the Ireland Development Grant by means of the and development abolition of two Judgeships and the reduction of abolition of two Judgeships and the reduction of the Ireland Bill, the Salary of the Lord Chancellor, and the and the transfer of certain accumulations, and to make Bill 215. provision with respect to the application of a portion of that Grant; And the same was of that Grant; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Motion for the Adjourn-ment of the House for Whit Sundays have Business precede this day the Business of the Supply. (Mr. Balfour.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn Adjourn ment of the House of Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May, (Whitsun) till Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

(Sir Alexander Ackland-Hood.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 31st day of this instant May.

[No. 70.]

Tuesday, 31st May 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Croyden 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 Elysee Palace Hotel Company Bill [Lords.] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Govan Burgh (Electricity) 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 Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance 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 University of Leeds 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 Yorktown and Blackwater 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 Carlisle Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rytham Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rufford Tramways and Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Cardiff Railway Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Derbysire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Marylebone Chapel (Saint James, Westminster) Street) Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Minehead Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The West Riding Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pakistan District Tramways Order Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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. A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.


Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Free Find, Major's Command — Account of the Fee (Issue of the House of Lords from 1st April 1903 to 31st March 1904. Copy of Forty-seventh Annual Report of the National Trustee of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury, being for 1903-4.
Mr. Victor Cavenagh also presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to County Courts (Ireland) Registers (Salaries, &c.), pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 26th May 1904, declaring that Thomas Tostell, Letter Carrier, Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Account showing the money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Uganga Railway Acts, 1896 (59 & 60 Viet. c. 38) and 1903 (2 Edw. VII. c. 40), and of the money expended and borrowed and securities created under the said Acts, to 31st March 1903; 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 the Uganga Railway Acts, 1896 and 1902, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 19th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the British Guiana Ordinance, 1891.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Postal and the French Post Office, dated the 29th May 1904.

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

Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade on the Strikes and Lock-outs of 1903 in the United Kingdom, and on Conciliation and Arbitration Boards.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon House-letting Thursday next, the House-letting (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

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

(The Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904–5.

Revenue Departments.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £565,000 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 1905 for the Salaries and expenses of the Customs Department.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A 1 (Superintending Establishment, Salaries and Allowances) be reduced by £1,000. —(Mr. Whiteley.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley, Yeas; Mr. Ainsworth: 55. Noes; Mr. Fellowes: 110.]

Original Question again proposed.

Original Question again proposed.

Original Question again proposed.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Norton, Yeas; Mr. Crooks: 55. Noes; Mr. Fellowes: 132.]

Original Question again proposed.
204 Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Post Establishment, Salaries and Allowances) be reduced by £1,500—(Mr. Whitley) — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed :

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries, Wages, and Allowances) be reduced by £100—(Mr. George Whitley) — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed :

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Report be received To-morrow.

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.

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 To-morrow.

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 put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood) — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

[No. 71.] Wednesday, 1st June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRA YERS.

T HE Chesterfield Corporation (Tramways and Improvements) 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 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 Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 9th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Leith Tramways Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the North British Railway: And the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring a Leith Corporation Tramways Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Leith Corporation Tramways: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Leith Burgh Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Burgh of Leith: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Motherwell Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment): And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray 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 Leith Corporation Tramways: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of this instant June; 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 Dundee, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of this instant June; 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 Burgh of Leith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of this instant June; 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 Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation Bill.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to 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 1903.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Order of Made by the County Council of the County of Warwick, altering certain Polling Districts in the county.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, which was presented upon the 31st day of May last, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Foster presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Army Medical Department for the year 1902.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Annual Account of Receipts and Payments in respect of the capital and income of the National School Teachers' (Ireland) Pension Fund for the year ended 31st December 1903.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Thirty-first Annual Report by the Accountant for Scotland to the Scotch Education Department.

Mr. Gerald Dalfoyn presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

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Mr. Gerald Dalfoyn presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of May last, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of further Findings of the Permanent Commission established under Article VII, of the Sugar Convention of 5th March, 1902, and further Reports of the British Delegates.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Head.]
Yea,  [Mr. Fellowes :]
Noo,  [Captain Norton :]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke,]
Yea,  [Mr. Fellowes :]
Noo,  [Mr. Eugene Wason :]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, by leaving out the words "Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures—(Mr. Cochrane);"

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures," and inserting the words "Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure"—(Mr. Dalziel)—instead thereof.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures" stand part of the Question;

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

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Head.]
Yea,  [Mr. Fellowes :]
Noo,  [Mr. Eugene Wason :]

Trade, &c.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

Indian Councils Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indian Councils 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.

Thursday, 2nd June 1904:—
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Lunacy Bill.

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

Naval Prize Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];  Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill;  Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c, Works Bill;  Works Bill.  Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Naval Barracks Site) Bill;  Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dean Forest Second Reading of the Dean Forest Bill;  Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian Councils Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities Second Reading of the Local Authorities and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;  Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;

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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);  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 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);  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 26th day of April last (Evening Sitting);  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 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);  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 14th 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 12th 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 14th day of April last;  Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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 the Solicitors Bill;  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 taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; 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 Sale of Butter Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Land 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 Labours (Ireland) 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 Prisons (Scotland) 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 Port of London Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Penal Servitude 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 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 Second Reading of the Valuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs 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 Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next. VOL. 165.

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 upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Schools (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill; Committee on the Finance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cunard Bill, Committee on the Aliens Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Constabulary Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Site for Duke Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pharmacy Second Reading of the Pharmacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Infant Life Second Reading of the Infant Life Protection (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Market Gardeners' Second Reading of the Market Gardeners' Compensation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June.
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 Thursday the 29th day of this instant June.

Vagrancy (Local) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of March last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vagrancy should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Halsbury);
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Mortgage of Premises Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mortgage of Premises Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Canal Traffic Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Bills of Exchange Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th 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 the 29th day of this instant June.

Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June.

Vagrancy Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June.

Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June.

Vagrants' Children Protection Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next.

Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next.

False Characters Bill.
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 Wednesday next.

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Vivisection of Dogs Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Medical Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 3) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Destroyers built and launched (Destroyers) since the 1st day of January 1902 for His Majesty's Navy, in the following form:—

| Names of Destroyers | By whom built | Speed obtained on full-speed Trials | Consumption of Coal per H.P. on the high-speed consumption Trials | Average Air pressure in the stokehole on the full-speed Trial.
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—(Mr. Kearley.)
And then the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 72.]
Thursday, 2nd June, 1904.

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 Acts, viz.:
Alexandra (Newport and South Wales)
Docks and Railway Bill [Lords].
Borrow in—In Farnet Corporation Bill [Lords].
Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords].
Bournemouth Corporation (Tramways) Bill [Lords].
Bury Improved Bill [Lords].
Great Western Railway Bill [Lords].
Hyllewood Tramways Bill [Lords].
North Wales Electric Power Bill [Lords].
Portsmouth, Bideford, and Southtown Railway Bill [Lords].
Preston Corporation Water Bill [Lords].
Saint Mary Woolnoth Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Naval Works Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the Bill (Standing House of the 17th day of May last, That in the Order case of the following Bill the Standing Orders applicable
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. 7) Bill.
- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.
- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Chippenham 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 Paisley District Tramways 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Board Provisional Orders (Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire) Bill;

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

A Petition of the Saddleworth and Springfield Tramways Company, praying that provision may be made in the Saddleworth and Springfield Tramways (Abandonment) Bill to enable the said Company to raise capital as preference capital, and that a Clause may be inserted in the Bill to extend the time within which the Saddleworth and Springfield Urban District Councils may, with the consent of the Board of Trade, transfer their Electric Lighting Orders to the Company until 1st January 1906, was presented, and read.

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and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Mr. Secretary Akes-Douglas presented, by Mines and His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1905, Part I., District Statistics. Statistics of the persons employed, output, and accidents at Mines and Quarries in the United Kingdom, arranged according to Inspecting Districts.

Copy of Twenty-eighth Annual Report of Explosives. His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, being for the year 1905.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, Reports No. 416 (Leeward Islands); Report for 1902-3.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, Anglo-French To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by way of indemnity pursuant to any Act of the present Session for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic, and any expenses to be incurred in carrying the said Convention into effect.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood);

Mr. Secretary Akes-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, Alien To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any salaries and remuneration of any persons employed, and of any expenses incurred, under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the immigration of Aliens, and other matters incidental thereto.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood);

Mr. Secretary Akes - 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Commons Committee on the Common Regulation (Mono- row) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; 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.

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. 7) 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. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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. 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill. [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next; for other purposes; And the same was ordered to be printed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill. [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill. [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill. [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill. [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill. [Provisional Order confirmed.]

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 Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the London County Council on the New River Company 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.

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

Local Stanhope presented a Bill to enable His Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire lands in London, Southgate, Bchpool, Leeds, and Newcastle upon Tyne 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.

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

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

(Lords') Post Office Board Bill [ Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £141,889 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. W. M.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division, and Division ordered.

The Chairman stated that he thought the Noes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was exclusively claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared the Noes had it. Fifteen Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

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 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 taking into consideration the Thames River Steamboat Service Bill, as amended in the Committee; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noses to the Left:

Tellers for the [Mr. John Burns, Yeas.]—196.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ernest Gray, Noses.]—70.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Purchase of piers and steamboats from the Thames Steamboat Company (1897).)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maidenhead Bridge Bill [Lords]:—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting).

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £146,461 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 1905 for the Salaries and expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and subordinate Departments, including a Grant in Aid:

Friday, 3rd June 1904:

And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make 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 31st day of May 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 12th day of May 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 12th day of May last (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 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th April, 1904. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th April, 1904. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

The Commons Regulation (Merrow) 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 Commons Regulation (Orchard) 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 Land Drainage 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 Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Education Board Provisional Order (Somerset) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No 4) 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.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Education Board Provisional Orders (Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting).

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

Mr. Victor Covenish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, showing the amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the old and new Sinking Funds in the financial year ended 31st March 1904; also of the particular application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act 38 & 39 Vict. c. 45.

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

The Chairmen of Ways and Means informed the House that the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills was not being appointed to meet until Tuesday 7th June, the parties opposing the Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Bill [Lords] had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Robert Casson, of Wallsend, Engineer, J. G. S. Mitchell, of Wallsend, Engineer, and J. M. Kay, of Walker, Engineer, was essential to their case; and that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Robert Casson, J. G. M'Kay, and J. M. Kay do attend the Committee on Group No. 9 of Railway Bills on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office Sites Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.— (Lord Stanley.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill was read, and discharged.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:— And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put; 
The House divided.

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

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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 upon Tuesday next.

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interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:—An Act for constructing further powers on the London Tramways (1801), Limited, for constructing tramways, and widening and altering roads and acquiring lands, in the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, and London, 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 Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Bill be now read the third time:

Sir Charles Dilke, 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 Thames River Steamboat Service Bill be now read the third time:

Sir Charles Dilke, 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;

Sir Charles Dilke, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Skipton Water and 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 London Fort and Docks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of this instant June.

The North British Railway (General Powers) 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting).

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

Mr. Wyadham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copies of Three Minutes under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, sanctioning forms of Instruction for the County Borough of Cork and the Urban District of Athlone.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton, by His West Africa Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure and the Trade of the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, and the Gold Coast from the year 1905, and of Lagos and Southern and Northern Nigeria from the year 1900.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton also presented, — Crown Agents. Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated No. 194, the 17th day of May last, for a Return relative to Crown Agents.

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

Mr. Victor Comdenish, presented, pursuant to London the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—County Council Copy of L. Return (in pursuance of Act 32 & 33 Vic. c. 102, s. 49) showing, up to the 31st March 1904 : (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 County for all purposes for the year ending 31st March 1904: — (I.) And II. Return (in pursuance of Act 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55) showing, up to the 31st March 1904: (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 whereof a Loan has been obtained from the Metropolitan Board of Works or the Council since the passing of the Act.

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

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas, presented, by Explosives His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Secretary of State for Cliffe, Kent.) the Home Department on the circumstances attending an Explosion of nitro-glycerine in the separating-house of the factory of Messrs. Curtis and Harvey, Limited, at Cliffe, Kent, on the 14th February 1904.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas also presented, Polling Districts pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia- (South or ment,—Copy of Order made by the County Stafford,) Council of the County of Stafford, altering certain Polling Districts in the Herefordshire Parliamentary Division.
Copy of Order made by the County Council of the West Riding of the County of York, altering certain Polling Districts in the Holleshaunshire Parliamentary Division.

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

Trade Reports (Annual Series)

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3177 to 3179. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill [Lords].

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill [Lords].

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

Public Records (House Office)

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 Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents which were returned to the Office of His Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, and which are now in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

Shipowners’ Negligence (Henderson) Bill

Sir Harry Samuel, supported by Mr. Brynmor Jones, Sir Ernest Flower, Mr. Sydney Beaton, and Mr. Bell, 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 Monday the 20th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill

Sir Albert Rollit, supported by Sir James Woodhouse, presented a Bill to amend the County Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Acts by giving powers of arrest of foreign ships in cases of personal injury to British workmen and others on board any such ship: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Municipal Franchise (Companies) Bill

Sir Albert Rollit, supported by Sir J. Fortescue Flannery, Mr. Richards, Sir William Holland, and Mr. Joseph Howard, presented a Bill to confer the Municipal Franchise upon mercantile Corporations and Companies: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Licensing Bill

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word “seven,” in order to insert the word “fourteen”—(Colonel Williams)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word “seven” stand part of the proposed Amendment:

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 Licensing Bill into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to insert, at the beginning, the word “During the period of seven years after the passing of this Act.”

Question proposed, That these words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word “seven,” in order to insert the word “fourteen”—(Colonel Williams)—instead thereof.

Question again proposed, That the word “seven” stand part of the proposed Amendment:

Tuesday, 7th June 1904:

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 Anglo-French Convention on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Aliens Bill, Committee on the Aliens Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Aliens Committee on Aliens [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali & Works Bill [Works Bill];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Ports and Barracks Site) Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Dean Forest* 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 *Judicature and Development Grant (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 *Solitaires Bill*;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the *Police (Superannuation)* 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 *Education (Scotland)* Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority) 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 taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the *Education (Scotland)* Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *False Statements (Companies) Bill*;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Cameral Agreement (Money)*;  
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 *Sale of Butter Bill*;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Irish Land 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)* 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 *Prisons (Scotland)* 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 *Port of London Bill*;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the *Bishops 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 *Valuation 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 *Finance Bill*;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be read now a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time of this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of May last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 18th day of May last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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 on the Anglo-French Convention Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fisheries, Shipping, and Manufactures); 
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 27th day of this instant June.

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 Wednesday 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 20th day of this instant June.

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

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 upon Monday the 20th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House-letting (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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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] this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Dogs, upon the 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) 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 Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 75.]

Tuesday, 7th June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Borrows in—Furness Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Bournemouth Corporation (Tramways) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] was read Bristol a second time; and committed.

The Pixley Improvement Bill [Lords] was Pixley read a second time; and committed.

The Great Western Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Holywood Tramways Bill [Lords] was Holywood read a second time; and committed.

The North Wales Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Preston Corporation Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Saint Mary Woolnoth Bill [Lords] was Saint Mary read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That so much of Standing Order No. 91 as fixes 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. Halsey.)

A Bill to confer further powers on the Lock Leven Water and Electric Power Company, and to extend the time for the purchase of lands and for the completion of part of the authorised works of that Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Courts (Ireland) Registrars (Salaries, &c.) was presented upon the 31st day of May last, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Indian Army (Memorandum).

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

Mr. Secretary Aher-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—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, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1884, for the year 1903.

Mr. Secretary Aher-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of draft of Rules for Convict Prisons proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prison Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Prisons (Rules for Convict Prisons) be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Metropolitan Committee appointed to inquire and report as to Gas Testing in the Metropolis.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Kingstown Harbour Act, 1876, dated 3rd June 1904, authorising the lease of a house and small yard attached at the landward end of the West Pier, Kingstown.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 2nd June 1904, granting to Matthew Farrelly, Examining Officer, 2nd Class, Liverpool, Customs, a retired allowance under the Act.

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 Copy of Memorandum on the subject of the existence of natural fertilisers in India in proximity to land suitable for Vol. 159.

The Chairman of Ways and Means informed the House that the Committee on Group I of Private Bills not being appointed to meet until Wednesday 8th June, the parties opposing the Local Government (Provincial Order Confirmation) (No. 4) Bill (Portsmouth Order) had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Mr. Mosely Surera Gardiner, Surgeon-General Fought, Mr. Edwin Bradshaw, and Mr. George Ekenner Stares was essential to their case; and that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Mosely Surera Gardiner, Surgeon-General Fought, Mr. Edwin Bradshaw, and Mr. George Ekenner Stares do attend the Committee on Group I of Private Bills Tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Halsey 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 Shop Hours Bill: — Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda), Sir Frederick Banbury, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Walter Fowler, Mr. Ernest Gray, Mr. Henry Love, Mr. William Lawrence, Dr. Macnamara, Captain Norton, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Mr. Herbert Roberton, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Herbert Samuel, and Mr. Whitley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cambrian Railways Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Indian Customs Act (No. 4) Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licencing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to insert, at the beginning, the words “During the period of seven years after the passing of this Act.”—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment again proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word “seven,” in order to insert the word “fourteen”—(Colonel Williams)—instead thereof.

Question again proposed, That the word “seven” stand part of the proposed Amendment:

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.**

### Licensing Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

**Question put (puruant to Order).**

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Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment again proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "seven," in order to insert the word "fourteen."—(Colonel Williams), instead thereof.

Question again proposed, That the word "seven" stand part of the proposed Amendment—Debate arising:

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

**Wednesday, 8th June 1904:**

1. Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes]: 289.
2. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Robert Spencer]: 205.
3. Question put accordingly, That the word "seven" stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

1. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone]: 306.

Whereupon Mr. Balfour claimed, That the Main Question be now put.

Main Question put accordingly, That the words "During the period of seven years after the passing of this Act" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

1. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Robert Spencer]: 192.
2. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Fellowes]: 200.

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 day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolution put, That the Order of the day be read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Conward Agreement [Money].
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 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 taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill. [not 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 Post Office Sites Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
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 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury);
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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Wednesday, 8th June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Chesterfield Gas and Water Board 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 (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Site for Duke and District Water and Gas Bill [Lords] was 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 the Indian Army (Memorandum), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant June, No. 200, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Education Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report by Scotland.)
George Andrew, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools in Scotland, on the Gemeindeschulen of Berlin and Charlottenburg.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Board of Trade and Local Government Board.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Navigation Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual State of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1903.
Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board from the time of their incorporation under the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Act, 1884, dated 25th May 1904, declaring that George Hockett, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Navigation Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual State and Shipping of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1903.
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, 1863, down to, and inclusive of, the 31st day of March 1894; 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 that the Paper relative to Harwich Harbour be printed.
Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of further correspondence respecting the administration of the Independent State of the Congo (in continuation of Africa, No. 1, 1904).

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February 1904, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Sir Charles Dilwyn reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 21st days of May last, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

The Select Committee on Foreign Ships (Application of Statutory Requirements) was nominated of Mr. Evelyn Cecil, Mr. Green, Mr. Charles Delvin, Sir William Desford, Mr. Munro Ferguson, Mr. Leverton Harris, Mr. John Johnson, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. David Morgan, Sir Albert Rolli, Mr. Runniman, Mr. Wolff, and Sir James Woodhouse.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

The Select Committee on the Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill was nominated of Mr. Barran, Dr. Furneaux, Mr. Field, Mr. Ernest Gray, Dr. Hutchinson, Captain Jessel, Mr. Kilbride, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Loyd, Mr. Price, Mr. Spear, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Sir Edward Strachey, Sir Mark M'Taggart Stewart, and Mr. Austin Taylor.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order for Committee on the Aliens Bill be read, and discharged, and that the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas):

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

With other matters incidental thereto—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas):—Debate arising;

Mr. Milton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declared, that he was directed to then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

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 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.

Eecring Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Aliens [Expenses].—(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the salaries and remuneration of any persons employed, and of any expenses incurred, under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the immigration of Aliens, and other matters incidental thereto.—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas):

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add the words "but not exceeding " in any one year five thousand pounds,"—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Debate arising;

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put accordingly, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Aliens [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the salaries and remuneration of any persons employed, and of any expenses incurred, under any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the immigration of Aliens, and other matters incidental thereto.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant June, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Postal Works (Ports-mouth Barracks Site) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cates Committee on Censor Agreement [Money]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill; as amended 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 House Inducrs Bill; Ordered, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the False Characters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant June.

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 Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Medical Officers' (Ireland) Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (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 Local Government (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs.—(Sir Frederick Banbury);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

[No. 77.]

Thursday, 9th June 1904.

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.:

Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

North Western Electricity and Power Gas Bill.

The North Western Electricity and Power Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Skipton Water and Improvement Bill. [New Title.]

The Skipton Water 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 Skipton to construct additional waterworks, 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Dundee, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways Order Confirmation Bill, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Leith Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

The Leith and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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 Borough of Devonport, in the room of John Locke, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stowe, Desborough, and Bournham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir Alexander Astle-Hodg).

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 7th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to East India (Natural Fertilisers).

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the administration by the Meteorological Council of the existing Parliamentary Grant, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

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) Bothwell Electric Lighting Order, 1904.
(2) Houghton-le-Spring and District Electric Lighting Order, 1904.
(3) Kilpatrick Electric Lighting Order, 1904.
(4) Kingswood Electric Lighting Order, 1904.
(5) Norhampton and District Electric Lighting Order, 1904.
(6) Shetland Electric Lighting Order, 1904.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Estates purchased by the Congested Acts, 1892 and 1893, in respect of the period of six months ended the 30th day of April 1904, for the purposes of resale to tenants and the enlargement of holdings, in the following form,—(1) county; (2) number of estates; (3) number of holdings under permanent tenancies; (4) acreage of lands under permanent tenancies and temporary leasings (a) tenant; (b) unleased; (c) total; (b) purchase money; (6) gross rental.—(Mr. Wyndham).

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Trade, &c. Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Registration of Clubs 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.
Order: That the Bill, as amended, be read the first time.

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 Messengers Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Messengers Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the North Staffordshire Railway Bill, 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 Greenes Gas Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Gosport Water Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gosport Water Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Railway Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Railway Bill [Lords.], 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 Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harlow and Sawbridge-Garth Gas Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the University of Leeds Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the University of Leeds 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 Yorktown and Blackwater Gas Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Yorktown and Blackwater Gas Bill [Lords.], with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for the suppression of Betting in Streets and other public places; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Education under the Education Acts, 1870 to 1905, to enable the Council of the City and County Borough of Birmingham to force the Land's Clauses Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Richard Jaeger in respect of an invention for an improved process for the dry slaking of lime and apparatus therefor; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (Birmingham) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Richard Jaeger's Patent Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Vor. 155.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For preventing obstruction at Westminster Bridge) — (Mr. Cockburn) — was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 17, by leaving out the words in l. 17 to 24, inclusive.—(Mr. Remnant.) And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; the House divided.

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

Tellers for the Mr. John Burns, Yeas: [Dr. Macnamara: ] 106.

Tellers for the Mr. Remnant, Noses: [Captain Jessel: ] 135.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.)

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £5,771 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 1905, for the Salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:

Friday, 10th June 1904:

And it being Midnights; the Chair 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.

Ordered, That this 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 12th day of April last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report, from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report, from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report, from the Committee of Supply of the 1st May last report;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on Anglo - French Convention Expenses;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Guard Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; Agreement [Money.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill; Marriages Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Vivisection of the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the; upon the 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury);

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

Resolved, Than an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying His Majesty to make the Order in Council under the Military Maneuvres Act, 1897, a draft of which was presented to this House on the 9th day of March last.—(Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster.)

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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
10th June.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Registration by owner of the copyright).—(Mr. Caldwell.)
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Registration of assignments of copyright).—(Mr. Caldwell.)
And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

And Amendments were made to the Clause.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "until it has been so registered."—(Mr. Henry David Greene.)
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Clause, as amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Discretion of court as regards fines and costs).—(Mr. Atherley-Jones.)
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. Atherley-Jones, Yeas, (Mr. Harwood : ) 74.
Tellers for the [Mr. Mount, Noes, (Mr. Galloway : ] 161.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by leaving out Clause 1.—(Mr. Harwood.)
And the Question being proposed, That the words of the Clause to the word "or," in p. 1, l. 6, stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Galloway rose in his place and claimed a Clause to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared him then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out subsection (2) of Clause 1.—(Mr. Caldwell.)
And the Question being put, That the words of the subsection to the word "or," in p. 1, l. 9, stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Mount, Yeas, (Mr. Galloway : ] 188.
Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell, Noes, (Captain Ellice : ] 96.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Weights and Measures 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church Discipline Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 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 the 11th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (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 Colonial Marriages 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 Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

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 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed upon Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [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 Guaranty Agreement [Money];

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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. John William Wilton reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section B) That in the case of the Swindon 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 Amendment thereof;

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 the Marylebone Chapels (Saint James, Westmoreland Street) Bill [Lords], without Amendment;

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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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.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Leighton Urban District Council Bill they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent
with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 22nd day of April last, That the Trades Unions and Trade Disputes Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, be resumed upon Wednesday next.

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

Orderd, 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 Staffordshire 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 Chesterfield Gas and Water Board 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 London County Council (Money) Bill London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth—An Act to enable the London County Council to construct and work new tramways and to alter and reconstruct existing tramways in the County of London; to make street improvements in the Counties of London and Kent; to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to construct a new street, 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 New River Company 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Tynemouth Gas Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Education Board Provisional Order Education Board (Swansea) 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. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Order Local Government Provisional Order (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, upon Wednesday next.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Leith Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of May last, for Returns relative to Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland).

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account, for the year ended 31st December 1903, 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 Fund, 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 20th November 1903, 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 Banks for Savings, and the interest paid and credited to depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to the Banks for Savings.

Account, for the year ended 20th November 1903, 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.

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

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group H of Private Bills; That the Committee had considered the parties opposing the Matlock and District Gas Bill [Lords'] had stated that the evidence of John Thomas Coates, of Derby, 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 John Thomas Coates do attend the said Committee on Monday 13th June, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That John Thomas Coates do attend the Committee on Group H of Private Bills this day, at Three of the clock.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported the Clyde Clyde Navigation (Works) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Street Betting Bill [Lords'] was read the Street Betting first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Com-Locality Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Bill...
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.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (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 agreed to the Kirkby-in-Ashfield Urban District Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brisham Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Acton Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to extend the limits of supply of the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company; and to enable local authorities within the additional limits to require the Company to supply them with water in bulk; and to empower the Company to raise further 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 authorise the closing and sale of certain assets of the Gateshead Water Company; and 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 Citizens of the City of Belfast to construct and work tramways, and to purchase by agreement the undertaking of the Belfast Street Tramways Company, including the tramways constructed by the Syndeyham District Belfast Tramways Company, and the Belfast and Lignaid Tramways Company, and the tramways of the Belfast and Countv Down Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for incorporating and conferring powers on the Lothians Electric Power Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Liverpool and Wigan Churches Bill Liverpool and Wigan Metropolitan Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Derwent Valley Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Lothian Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sir Edward Strachey reported the Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

Sir Edward Strachey reported the Tynedale Tramways and Tramroads Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Establishment of school boards). Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be postponed.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw),—put, and negated.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out from the word "for" to the word "And," in p. 2, l. 4, in order to insert the words "Every parish in Scotland."—(Mr. Caldwell),—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the words "of the districts of counties," in order to insert the word "county."—(Mr. Maconochie).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the word "Glasgow," to insert the word "Govan."—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

Question proposed, That the word "Govan" be there inserted:

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Board Provisional Orders (Cardiff and Newport (Monmouthshire) 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. Boland.)

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

Clause No. 3 (Establishment of school boards).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the word "Glasgow," to insert the word "Govan."—(Mr. Parker Smith.) Question put, That the word "Govan" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Parker Smith, ————52.

Tellers for the Colonel Denny :——189.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the word "Glasgow," to insert the word "Leith."—(Colonel Denny.) Question put, That the word "Leith" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Colonel Denny, ————36.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the words "and Pollokshaws."—(Sir Charles Renouw.) Question, That the words "and Pollokshaws" stand part of the Clause, —put, and agreed to.

Question proposed, That the said Clause, as amended, 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.
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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 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 False Statements (Companies) 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 Statements (Companies) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant June.

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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (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 Prisons (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 Valuation 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 Constabulary (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 Education (Local Authority Default) 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 Sea 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 Solicitors 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 Naval Prize 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 Justice of the Peace Prize 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 Constabulary (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 Solicitors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) Bill,
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishopric of Southwark 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 Bishopric of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens (Expenses);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Servitude Bill,
upon the 3rd day of this instant June, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 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 June, That the Indian Councils 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 Lunacy Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasuries) 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 Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) 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 12th day of April last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of May last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 House-letting (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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.

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.
Tuesday, 14th June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, severa1 Resolutions, which were read, as follows:—

1. That in the case of the Saddleworth and Saddleworth Tramways (Abandonment) Bill, Provisional Order (No. 1) Petition for additional provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.
2. That in the case of the Trafford Park Dock and Railway Bill (Lords' Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 128 in the case of the Petition of the South Lancashire Tramways Company against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
3. That in the case of the Lanesshire Electric Power Bill (Lords') Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 128 in the case of the Petition of the South Lancashire Tramways Company against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord, one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Electric Palace Hotel Company, Limited, Bill (Lords'), without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the sale and disposal of the site of King's College Hospital, London, and the acquisition of lands for and erection of a new hospital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for transferring the powers of the Western and Manchester Light Railways Company, and for providing for the regulation of certain roads in

No. 211.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of 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 1903; and Account of the sums received and paid by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Post Office Savings Banks per Act 24 Vict. c. 14, from 1st January 1903 to 31st December 1903, inclusive.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the Annual Report and General Account of the Commissioners of Arundel Port for the period from 25th March 1903 to 25th March 1904.

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Manchester
Ship Canal
Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to authorise the Manchester Ship Canal Company to vary the levels of and depth of water in their canal and to construct new works, and to alter certain provisions of the Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1885, and the Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1896, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisions (No. 1) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The King's College Hospital Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Manchester
Ship Canal
Bill [Lords.]

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

Selection
(Standing
Committees.)
Trade, &c.

Mr. Wedgwood 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 Member in respect of the Shop Hours Bill:—The Lord Advocate.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection
(Standing
Committees.)

Mr. Wedgwood reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Sir John Barrington Sixon, Mr. Baird, Mr. Hore, Mr. Garfitt, and Sir Charles Bensham; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. O'Neill, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. Gwiltling, Captain Balfour, and Mr. George Montagu.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection
(Standing
Committees.)

Mr. Wedgwood reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Lloyd Morgan; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Attorney General and Major Seaby.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection
(Standing
Committees.)

Mr. Wedgwood 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 Aliens Bill:—Mr. Tremewan, Mr. Hayes Fisher, Mr. Stuart Samuel, Mr. Ford Ridley, Sir Henry Seton-Karr, Mr. David Macleod, Mr. Renswick, Mr. Nune- man, Mr. John Johnson, Mr. Norman, Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Guest, Major Evans-Gordon, and Mr. Shackleton.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Preston
and Blackburn
Tramways
Bill [Lords.]

Sir Edward Strachey reported from the Committee on the Preston and Blackburn Tramways Bill [Lords.] That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the [Preamble Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

Clause No. 5 (Establishment of school boards).

Question again proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Number and apportionment of members of school boards).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, after the first word "be," to insert the words "published in the London and Edinburgh Gazette within one month of the passing of this Act, and."—(Mr. Maxwell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 27, to leave out the words "royal and parliamentary."—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (E lecting body).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out the word "not."—(Mr. John Dewar.)

Question proposed, That the word "not" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, to leave out the words "municipal ward of every,"—(Mr. Graham Murray.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. McCrae,
Year, 
Noes, 
John Dewar.

Mr. Alexander Cross: 85.

Mr. Fellowes: 213.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Regulations as to election of members of school boards in burghs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 26, to leave out the word "seven," in order to insert the word "eight."—(Mr. Dulrie),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "seven" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Disqualification for school boards and bodies of managers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 13, after the word "board," to insert the words "if he is not at the time of the election registered as a county or burgh elector within the education district and."—(Mr. Maxwell.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 18, after the word "Act," to insert the words:—"other than the office of teacher of continuation classes."—(Mr. Dobbie.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 87, after the word "company," to insert the words "co-operative society."—(Mr. Dobbie.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Term of office.) Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 13, to leave out the word "is."—Colonel Denny.

Question proposed, That the word "is" be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 20, to leave out from the word "shall," in l. 23, in order to insert the words "a fresh election shall be held to supply such a vacancy, and every person so elected"—(Mr. Dobbie.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Supplemental provision as to elections.) Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 29, to leave out from the word "may" to the word "by," in l. 31.—(Mr. Maxwell.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Existing school boards to cease, and school boards under this Act to come in their place.) Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 28, at the end, to add the words "Any contributions made by the town council or agreement, or in virtue of section forty-six of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, to the school fund may be withdrawn by the said town council."—(Colonel Denny.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Denny, Yeas, } 83.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland- Hood, Noes, } 220.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Transfer of debts and liabilities.) Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, after the word "board," to insert the words "incurred in respect of any loan contracted by an existing school board in terms of the forty-fifth section of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872,"—(Mr. Crombie.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 29, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "become," in l. 31. —(Mr. Graham Murray.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out 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.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses].
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed: That the Naval Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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 Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses].
Ordered, That this Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School 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 Alkali, &c. Works 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 Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (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 False Statements (Companies) 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 Sea 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 Government Ships 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 Naval Prize 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 Naval Works Bill (Portsmouth Barracks Site) 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 June, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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 Monday next.

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

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Ordered, That this Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Parliamentary Votes (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill (No. 2);
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: That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed: That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury); 

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

Ordered, That Mr. Bouver Law be discharged from the Select Committee on Workmen's Trains. 

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

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 1) 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 Duddingston, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways 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 Leith Burgh 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 Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) 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 Local Government Provisional Order (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 Pier and Harbours Provisional Order (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.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the total payments into and out of the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1896.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Bill for the Harbour at Edinburgh; and the same was read for the first time, and ordered to be printed. 

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House. 

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

Mr. Tennant reported from the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], with Amendments; 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the total payments into and out of the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1896.
Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 25 (Power to impose rate).
An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 33, to leave out from the word "district" to the end of l. 43. (Mr. Graham Murray.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Walter Thurburn], Yeas, 54.
Mr. Buchan.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-], Noes, 233.
Hood.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, to leave out ls. 1 to 6, both inclusive, in order to insert the words "in the case of an enumerated district, according to their respective valuations in the valuation roll last available, and in all other cases, one-half according to their respective populations as ascertained at the last preceding census, and one-half according to their respective valuations in the valuation roll last available; provided that in the case of portions of parishes the populations shall be taken as may be agreed upon between the school board and the parish council, or, failing agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary for Scotland."—(Mr. Graham Murray.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the first words "one-half," in order to insert the words "one-fourth."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

Question proposed, That the words "one-half" stand part of the proposed Amendment:

—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Proposed words inserted.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 26 to No. 30 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Additional general powers). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 7, after the word "managers," to insert the words "books or apparatus or."—(Mr. Crombie.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—(Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 7, after the word "instructions," to insert the words "including the teaching of Gaelic."—(Mr. Weir.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—(Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons—

Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.

(Mr. Kerr);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; 128.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Louis M'Teer], Yeas, 103.
Mr. Dalziel.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-], Noes, 88.
Hood.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

(Education (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 25 (Power to impose rate).

Amendment again proposed, in lieu of the words omitted in p. 11, l. 1, at commencement, to insert the words "in the case of an enumerated district, according to their respective valuations in the valuation roll last available, and in all other cases, one-half according to their respective populations as ascertained at the last preceding census, and one-half according to their respective valuations in the valuation roll last available; provided that in the case of portions of parishes the populations shall be taken as may be agreed upon between the school board and the parish council, or, failing agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary for Scotland."—(Mr. Graham Murray.)

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Question proposed, That the words "one-half" stand part of the proposed Amendment:

—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Proposed words inserted.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 26 to No. 30 amended, and agreed to.

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To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Port of London Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Thursday, 16th June 1904:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea 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 Sea Fisheries 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 Government Ships 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 Bishops of Southwark and Berwick (Standing Committee); Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses]; Ordered, That the Report be received 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 June, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury 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 Naval Works (Ports-mouth Barracks Site) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill; VOL. 169.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

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

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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the number and names of (Medical and Dental) Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1882, in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, for the specific purposes of carrying on Medical and Dental Practice...
[No. 82.]

Thursday, 16th June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Kirkby-in-Ashfield Urban District Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The New River 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Port and Docks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant June.

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

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglass presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

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

Mr. Pretyman presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Navy (Destroyers). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations for Secondary Schools, from 1st August 1904 to 31st July 1905.

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

The Order made upon the 26th day of March last, That there be laid before this House a Return relative to Government Departments Securities; the said Orders made upon the 12th day of May last, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed, were severally read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amounts of British Government Securities held by the several Government Departments and other Public Offices on the 31st day of March 1904, specifying whether held in England or Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 160 of Session 1903):—

—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing aggregate Naval Expenditure on rearming force; aggregate revenue; aggregate tonnage of Mercantile Marine; annual (Great Britain, &c.) 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 1903 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 264 of Session 1903).—(Sir John Colbeck.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return, in respect of the years 1901, 1902, National Schools and 1903, of the names of all Convent Schools in Ireland; average attendance at each School; and amount of State-aid paid to each School annually.—(Mr. S.own.)

Mr. Hasley 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 Law, &c.: Procedure.—Mr. Jacoby; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Dalziel.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported the Matlock and Matlock and District Gas Bill [Lords], with amendments.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented a Bill to Land Tax appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Marine Solicitor General, presented a Bill for codifying the Law relating to Marine Insurance; 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 the Committee of Supply. [13th allotted Day.]

(Civil and Revenue Departments, Estimates, 1904-5. Class II. £146,461 to complete the sum 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 House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Barmouth Castle Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Charge for gas supplied by means of prepayment meters) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Saint Bartholomew’s Hospital Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ (West Riding) 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 Writ of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. — (Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Fortieth Annual Report by the Inspector under the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Acts, 1881 and 1892, of Proceedings during the year 1903, presented to the Local Government Board and to the Secretary for Scotland.

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

Mr. Tennant reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group J of Private Bills; That the clause opposing the Milver and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords] had stated that the evidence of Mr. Aubrey Strochan, of the Royal Geological Museum, Jermyn Street, S.W., was essential to their case; and, as stated, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Mr. Aubrey Strochan do attend the said Committee this day, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Aubrey Strochan do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills this day, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Railways take into consideration the Railways (Private Siding) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to orders under the Act).—(Sir Frederick Bawbary.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time; and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Extension of private sidings or private branch railways).—(Mr. Weir.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and
Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 1. (Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 1, to the word "in," in p. 1, l. 11, stand part of the Bill:

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

Tellers for the Yea side—Mr. Samuel Roberts, 95.
Tellers for the Noe side—Mr. William Holland; Mr. Alexander Cross: 68.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Charge on withdrawals) (Mr. Weir.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Regulation in regard to withdrawal orders) (Mr. Weir.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Maximum cost of Post Office Savings Bank postage) (Mr. Weir.)

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.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 21, by leaving out Clause 3. (Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of the Clause in p. 1, to the end of l. 24, stand part of the Bill:

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury); 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 the 12th day of April last; 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 April last; 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 28th day of April last (Afternoon 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 28th day of April last (Afternoon 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 28th 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 31st day of May last; Ordered, That the Bill be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize 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 Congested Districts (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 Alyki, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill; Works Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Anglo-French Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the site for Duke Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bill to the House Bill, without Amendment.Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Preston Corporation Water Bill [Lords] with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Shipley Urban District Council Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made a verbal Amendment thereto; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power 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 Com-
246 17th—20th June. 1904. [No. 84.]

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 Private Bills, 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. Wygadham presented, by His Majesty's Local Government Board for Ireland by desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Acton 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 the House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
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 9th day of August, 1901, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Wiltzes).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Holley reported from the Committee of Selection:—That they had discharged the Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Heeler; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Harry Samuel.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Workmen's Trains.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Workmen's Trains in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Select Committee on Workmen's Trains.—(Colonel Bowles.)

Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Ordered, That the Agricultural Holdings Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of July next.

Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill.

Ordered, That the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Cathcart Wason, pursuant to the Lords' Message of the 9th day of August, 1901, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (Country of Wiltzes). The Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Holley, pursuant to the Lords' Message of the 9th day of August, 1901, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Wiltzes).

Standing Order No. 10, till the Evening Sitting this day.

Sir Cuthbert Quilter, supported by Mr. Stanesby-County of sons, Mr. Malcolm, Sir Walter Grenve, Sir Charles Saffold Bill, Datsryple, Mr. Francis Lewis, and Mr. Goddard, presented a Bill to make better provision for the administration of justice at Sessions of the Peace, and for the transaction of county business, in the County of Saffold: 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 Finance Bill, into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause No. 1 (Duty on tea).

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be postponed.—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Yes);

Mr. Speaker:—

Noes; 

Tellers for the (Mr. Fellows:—

Sir Alexander Acland—

Hood. 

Noes; 

Tellers for the (Mr. Fellows:—

Amendment proposed, in p. 1,1, 16, to leave out the words "In lieu of."—(Mr. Robert Lewis.)

Question proposed, That the words "In lieu of" 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Cathcart Wason):—It passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Finance Bill, into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Under Standing Order No. 10, till the Evening Sitting this day.

Clause No. 1 (Duty on tea).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, 1, 16, to leave out the words "In lieu of."—(Mr. Robert Lewis.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—

Debate arising;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put, That the Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Alexander Acland—

Hood, 

Mr. Fellows:—

Noes, 

Tellers for the (Mr. William M'Arthur:—

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, 1, 16, to leave out the words "In lieu of."—(Mr. Robert Lewis.)

Question proposed, That the words "In lieu of" stand part of the Clause:—

Debate arising;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put, That the Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Yes);—

Mr. Fellows:—

Noes, 

Tellers for the (Mr. William M'Arthur:—

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Churchill.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division.
Tuesday, 21st June 1904:

Yea, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone]: 151.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]:

Noes, [Mr. Fellowes]: 198.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Deficiency) Bill;

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word “imported,” to insert the words “from foreign countries.”—(Mr. Churchill)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. —Debate arising;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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]:

Yea, [Mr. Fellowes]: 158.

Tellers for the [Mr. Churchill]:

Noes, [Mr. Cathcart Wason]: 109.

Question put accordingly, That the words “from foreign countries” be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Churchill]:

Yea, [Mr. Cathcart Wason]: 38.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]:

Noes, [Mr. Fellowes]: 198.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Deficiency) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justice of the Peace Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature 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 Post Office 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 Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Labourer Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Constitution Second Reading of the Constitution (Construction) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Port of London Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word “imported,” to insert the words “from foreign countries.”—(Mr. Churchill)
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 [23rd April] the 12th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [23rd April] the 14th day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [28th April] the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [12th May] the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [19th May] the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [21st May] the 31st day of May last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 receiving Aliens the Report from the Committee on Aliens (Expenses); [Expenses];
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on Anglo - French Convention [Expenses]; 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed upon the 17th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 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 Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House-lenting (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

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 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 Poor Law Medical Officers' (Ireland) 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

And it being eighteen minutes before Two of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Midland Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Saint Bartholomew's Hospital 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting).

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert the following Clause in Part VIII. of the Bill:—

Any sum for the establishment of a superannuation or provident fund under this Act shall not come into operation until the Corporation shall, in respect of that fund, have been registered under the Friendly Societies Act, 1899; and the provisions of that Act (except the proviso to subsection one of section eight and section forty-one), so far as they are applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply as if (a) the Corporation were a society to which that Act applies and were the trustees of such society; (b) as if the scheme were the rules of such society; (c) as if the superannuation or provident funds were the funds of such society; and (d) as if the contributors to the fund were the members of such society.

Provided that the powers of sections seventy, seventy-one, seventy-three, seventy-eight, and seventy-nine of the said Act shall not be exercised without the consent of the Corporation.—(Sir Edward Stanley.)

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Clyde Navigation (Works) Bill be now read the third time. (Mr. Caldwell.)

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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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


Mr. Wyndham also presented,—Return to an Irish Land Order, dated the 9th day of this instant June, 1903, for Returns relative to the Irish Land Act, No. 215, 1903.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.
Mr. Fellows presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agricultural Returns for Great Britain, showing the acreage and produce of Crops and number of Live Stock, together with summaries for the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Foreign Countries, and particulars of prices, imports, and exports of Agricultural Produce for 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Arnott-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain for the year 1903.

Copy of Statement relating to a sum of money granted as Compensation to the widow and children of an officer killed at the Battle of Inkerman.

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

Mr. Freyman presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Trueman's Foundation for the year 1904-5.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return (1) from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands, containing, in columns, the names of the officers, their respective salaries, and other allowances, if any; the amount of security each gives; the annual expenses of management, inclusive of all payments and salaries, for the year ended the 20th day of November 1903; the rate per centum per annum on the capital of the Bank for the expenses of management; the rate of interest paid to depositors on the various amounts of deposit, and the average rate of interest on all accounts; the number and accounts remaining open; the total amount owing to depositors; the total amount invested with the Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt; the balance in the hands of the treasurer at the 20th day of November 1903; the total amount of the separate surplus fund on the 20th day of November 1903; other assets, including estimated value of Bank premises, furniture, &c.; the total assets; the total amount of Government Stock standing to the credit of depositors; the number and amount of annuities granted, and the average cost of each transaction; also the year in which business commenced in each Bank, and the name of the day or days, and the number of hours in the week, on which the Banks are open for the deposit and withdrawal of money; including in such Return a list of all such Savings Banks as, under the provisions of the Act 26 of C. 4, or otherwise, have been closed and have transferred their funds, or any part thereof, to the Post Office Savings Banks; showing, in each case, the number of such Banks, as well as the number and amount of depositors' accounts so transferred, and the amount of compensation, if any, made to all or any of the officers of such Banks respectively; and showing also the years in which such Banks were respectively opened and closed, and the number and amount of their depositors' balances, and the number of days and hours in each week on which the same Banks were open for public business at the close of the year next preceding the date of such closing; distinguishing the same, as in the Return, for each separate county, as well as collectively, for England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands, and for the United Kingdom; and (2), for the year ending the 20th day of November 1903, showing the total number of depositors in Trustee Savings Banks; the total number of deposits; the average amount of each deposit account; the average sums paid in and drawn out; the total number of persons who have deposited in single sums the entire amount allowed to be deposited during the year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 211 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Mount.)

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Trade, &c. Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Shop Hours Bill was referred; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. James Bailey, Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore, Mr. Theodore Taylor, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Mr. John Rutherford.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Honourable Philip James Stanhope, New Member for the County of Leicester (Southern Division), or Harborough Division, was sworn.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee Selection of Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. O'Neill, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. Gobling, Captain Daljorne, Mr. George Motague, and the Lord Advocate; and had appointed in substitution: Sir John Barrington Simon, Mr. Beard, Mr. Hare, Mr. Gaffji, and Sir Charles Remshaw.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee Selection of Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. O'Neill, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. Gobling, Captain Daljorne, Mr. George Motague, and the Lord Advocate; and had appointed in substitution: Sir John Barrington Simon, Mr. Beard, Mr. Hare, Mr. Gaffji, and Sir Charles Remshaw.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That in the case of the Great Western Railway Bill [Lords], Petition for disposing with Standing Order 128 in the case of Bills [Lords], of the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers in the Parish of Hanwell against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Public Entertainment Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of July next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance 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 Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this evening, again resolve itself in the said Committee.

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 in the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Finance Bill into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(Lords.)

Clause No. 1 (Duty on tea).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word "pound," to insert the words "fifty per cent. ad valorem, but not to exceed."—(Mr. Kearley.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas:—[Mr. M'Kenna ; [Mr. Fellowes.]

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Tellers for the Noes:—[Mr. Kearley ; Mr. Fellowes.]

104.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the words "eight pence," in order to insert the words "four pence"—(Mr. Kearley)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "eight pence" stand part of the Clause:

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Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas:—[Sir Alexander Acland-Hood ; [Mr. Fellowes.]

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Tellers for the Noes:—[Mr. Herbert Gladstone ; Mr. William M'Arthur.]

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, at the end, to add the words "Provided that the increased duty hereby imposed shall not be levied or paid on any tea lying in a bonded warehouse licensed by His Majesty's Customs upon which the former rate of duty has already been paid."—(Mr. Kearley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas:—[Sir Alexander Acland-Hood ; [Mr. Fellowes.]

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Tellers for the Noes:—[Mr. Herbert Gladstone ; Mr. William M'Arthur.]

115.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works 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 Prisons (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 Bishopric of Bristol 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 Police (Superannuation) 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 1st day of this instant June, That the Indian Councils 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 Solicitors 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 (Treasury Powers) 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 Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cuvier Agreement (Money);  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Marine Insurance Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.  

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving a Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses.]  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-French Convention on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses.]  
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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 upon Thursday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of April last, That, in the opinion of this House, no operations for the purposes of Vivisection should be performed on Dogs—(Sir Frederick Banbury);  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.  

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

Wednesday, 22nd June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Mr. Speaker's Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker—Whereupon Mr. James William Louther, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, Prayers, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Derwent Valley Water Board Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Lothians Electric Power Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.
22nd—23rd June, 1904. [No. 86.] The Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 417 (British Honduras, Annual Report for 1903).

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3188 to 3191.

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

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Committee on Group H of Private Bills, to whom Part III. of the Bill and so much of the Preamble as relates thereto were referred by the Special Committee, with a Report from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Selby Urban District Council Bill they had agreed to the following Report:

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 Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation 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 thereto.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Clause No. 2 (Duties on certain kinds of tobacco).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out from the word "pound" to the word "and," in l. 3.—(Sir Walter Foster.)

Question put. That the words "and in the case of cigarettes by" 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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Clause No. 2 (Duties on certain kinds of tobacco).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out from the word "pound" to the word "and," in l. 3.—(Sir Walter Foster.)

Question put. That the words "and in the case of cigarettes by" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, to leave out from the word "pound" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. McKenna.)

Question proposed, That the words "and the duties payable under the same section on" stand part of the Clause:

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Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Muir Ferguson.) put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Deputy Speaker 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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill (Lords); Bill [Lords,]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Port of London Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Pensions Bill be now read a second time; 
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill.

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 Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be now read a second time; 
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

False Statements (Companions) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companions) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords]; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Police (Superannuation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Cunard Agreement [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Anglo-French Convention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; 
Resolved, 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 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.

Allevi [Expenses].

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Allevi [Expenses]; 
Resolved, That the Report be received this day.


The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses]; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Site for Duke Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill Exchange Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Thursday, 23rd June 1904.

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.—Liverpool and Wigan Churches Bill [Lords.]
Resolved, That the Bill be read the second time.

The Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Leicestershire Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill do consist of Three Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, to be joined with a Committee of the Lords.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and to request that their Lordships will be pleased to appoint an equal number of Lords to be joined with the Members of this House.—(Mr. Caldecott.)

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports, with Minutes of Evidence, of the Inter-departmental Committee appointed by the Treasury to inquire into the Rates of Drawback on Tobacco.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of list of all Pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1904, and charged upon the Civil List.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Super-

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barnard Castle Gas Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Preston, Chorley, and Wigan Tramways Bills [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barnard Castle Gas Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Water Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, containing the Schedule of maximum Rates and Charges applicable to the Regent's Canal; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.], was read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and, that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of July next.

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

John Williams Benn, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Devonport, was sworn.

Mr. Bowsher reported from the Select Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) 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.
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 Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and 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 resuming Indian the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the 1st day of this instant June, That the Indian Councils 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 Solicitors 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 Authorities (Treasury Powers) 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 Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks 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 Marine Insurance 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 Alien's Removal Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 on Alien [Expenses] ;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-French Convention Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriers Act (1830) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July 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 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next. 

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do consist of Seven Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Blake, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Sir William Hort Dyke, Mr. John Edward Ellis, and Mr. Halsey.

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

Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

FRIDAY, 24TH JUNE 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

MR. SPEAKER laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for [Lords] Orders not previously inquired into, and referred on the Standing Orders previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.,—

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power 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 Corporation 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 Shipley Urban District Council Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ticehurst and District Water and Gas District Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Message was delivered by Thomas Davies, Royal Agent.

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 bear 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...
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mentioned; and that the Lords thereby authorised had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Metropolitan Commons (Hillingdon East) Supplemental Act, 1904.
2. Metropolitan Commons (Farborough) Supplemental Act, 1904.
3. Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
4. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1904.
5. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
6. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1904.
7. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1904.
8. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1904.
10. Great Northern and City Railway Act, 1904.
12. City of Norwich Waterworks Act, 1904.
13. Westover-sup-Mare Grand Pier Act, 1904.
15. Victoria University of Manchester Act, 1904.
17. Bishop's Stortford and District Gas Act, 1904.
20. Great Eastern Railway (Steamboats) Act, 1904.
22. Metropolitan Railway Act, 1904.
23. West Metropolitan Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1904.
24. Wellington (Somerset) Gas Act, 1904.
25. Kettering Improvement Act, 1904.
27. Ayrshire, Buronfield, and District Water Act, 1904.
28. Cambrian Railways (Mid Wales Railway Amalgamation, &c.) Act, 1904.
31. Hylton and Cowpen Gas Act, 1904.
32. Walsby Gas Act, 1904.
33. Harlow and Sawbridgeworth Gas Act, 1904.
34. Sheppy Gas Act, 1904.
38. Yorktown and Blackwater Gas Act, 1904.
40. Crewe Gas Act, 1904.
41. Chippenham Gas Act, 1904.
43. Saint Marybone Electric Lighting Act, 1904.
44. Colney Hatch Gas Act, 1904.
45. Gomersal Gas Act, 1904.
46. North Staffordshire Railway Act, 1904.
47. Chesterfield Gas and Water Board Act, 1904.
48. Marybone Chapels (Saint James, Westmoreland Street) Act, 1904.

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49. South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Act, 1904.
50. New River Company's Act, 1904.
51. Kirkby-in-Ashfield Urban District Council (Gas) Act, 1904.
52. Brigham Gas Act, 1904.
53. Littlestone-on-Sea and District Water Act, 1904.
54. Acton Improvement Act, 1904.
55. Midland Railway Act, 1904.
56. Lancashire Electric Power Act, 1904.
57. Tynemouth Gas Act, 1904.
58. Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways Act, 1904.
60. Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Act, 1904.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vote Kith Report.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Small Order, for Monday next.

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—return to the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulations (Ireland.) Act, 1885, for the year ending 31st December 1903.

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines, &c., and other penal sums accounted for under the (Ireland.) Acts 14 & 15 Vict. c. 90, and 21 & 22 Vict. c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1902.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Labourers Second Reading of the Labourers (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;

Mr. Wyndham 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 Noes to the Left.

Noes, (Mr. Fellowes : 316.

Mr. Lenndale, 27.

Mr. William Moore : 27.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Irish Land Second Reading of the Irish Land Bill; Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Greatbatchy Second Reading of the Greatbatchy (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill, Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Default) 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 the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace 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 Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) 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 Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Local Authorities (Treasury 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 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 Marine Insurance 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 Tax Commissioners' Names Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for revising the Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses]:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses]:
Resolved, 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for inserting the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) 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 Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministry of Defence Grant (Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of providing for the registration of Nurses.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Dr. Ambrose, Major Bagot, Sir Michael Foster, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Malcolm, Viscount Morpeth, Mr. Perpease, Sir John Stable-Maxwell, Mr. Tennant, and Sir John Tuke.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Five be the quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)
Ordered, That the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported:
[Details of the report are not fully transcribed, but it appears to concern matters of business]
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The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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, 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) 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 upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways (Abandonment) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 14th day of June last, the Committee had examined the additional provisions referred to in such Resolution.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Maidenhead Bridge Bill [Lords]; That, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 23rd day of June last, the Committee had inserted a Clause in the Bill directing the Corporation of Maidenhead to pay as costs, under Section 28, the balance of the actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Joseph Taylor, of Eton, Bucks, incidental to and arising from the inquiry held by the Charity Commissioners on the 18th November 1902, after deducting therefrom £55 19s. received by him from public subscriptions; and in case of difference the amount of those expenses to be taxed in manner provided by the said section.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 thereto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Minehead Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made verbal Amendments thereto, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Manchester Ship Canal (Finance) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee on Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and law, &c. Legal Procedure:—Mr. Dillon and Mr. Swift MacNeill; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Joyce and Mr. Hugh Low.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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Monday, 27th June 1904.

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 South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway (Extension of Time) 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bebhill Water and Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the 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 Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bebhill Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration. The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. (Lords.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Board Provisions Order Confirmation (London) 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisions Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Board Provisions Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisions Orders (No. 2) 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisions Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisions Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisions Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisions Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Glasgow Corporation (Police) Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Glasgow Corporation (Police); And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring in the said Bill. The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Glasgow Corporation (Police) Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Glasgow Corporation (Police): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of July next; and to be printed.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Trustee Savings Banks. No. 224.
Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of April last, for a Return relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

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

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 23rd June 1904, 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 male young persons employed in Iron and Steel Foundries, and repealing the Order of the 14th July 1903.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. X. (Aberdeen No. 2), Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Science in Agriculture, d.s.c. (Aberdeen).

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Applications to and Proceedings of the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1889 to 1902, during the past year.

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 8th day of August 1898, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster).

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

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 Sixth Schedule containing a list and particulars of classes of Documents pertaining to the Office of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War, and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster) be printed.

Mr. Tennant reported the Miller and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the County of Suffolk Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Sir Cuthbert Quilter.)

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 Education Board Provisional Order (Seasone) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dunegal Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Mullinger, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Married Women's Property Act, 1889; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to regulate and restrict the wearing of Naval and Military Medals and Decorations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Gas Orders Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Great Gas, Hedon Gas, Great Gas, Rockford Gas, and Romford Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Gas Orders Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Saint Margaret's Gas, Slirling Gas, Walkham Abbey and Chestnut Gas, Warsbrighgh and Warsby Gas, and Warling Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Barry Railway Company Bill to provide and work steam vessels, and to subscribe to the funds of any steamship company; and 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 Okehouse Acts Bill to constitute and incorporate a joint water board consisting of representatives of the Okehouse Gates and Dawley Urban District Councils, in the County of Salop, and for other purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Corporation of Manchester to construct tramways and street widenings within and beyond the city; to confer further powers upon the Corporation and neighbouring authorities with respect to the exercise of powers relating to tramways, works, and electricity within and beyond the city, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Three Members to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.

Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Manchester Corporation 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. 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.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) 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 Naval and Military Medals Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Licensing Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)


Clause No. 1 (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words "an on," in order to insert the word "a."—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.)

Question, That the words "an on" stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "licence," to insert the words "which is held by a person whose tenancy of the licensed premises is not subject to conditions requiring him to purchase only from a particular firm or particular firms."—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.— Debate arising.

Mr. Secretary Akes-Douglas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.


Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.


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 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 Licensing Bill into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "licence," to insert the words "which was in force on the twenty-fifth day of June nineteen hundred and four, or any licence granted by way of renewal thereof from time to time."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "which has been granted by way of renewal for more than ten years prior to the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "the holder of which is also the owner of the licensed premises, or is the bona fide tenant thereof."—(Mr. Moss.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "bona fide tenant thereof," in order to insert the words "tenant of the licensed premises as tenant from year to year determinable only in the usual way on half a year's notice, or as lessee for a fixed term of not less than two years, and not determinable on breach of any covenant or agreement other than a covenant or agreement to pay the rent, or to insure the premises, or
"to keep or yield up the same in proper repair."

(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment.—Debate arising.

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas 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.—Debate resumed.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment,—put, and negatived.

Words inserted.

Question put, That those words, as amended, be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 28th June 1904:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 262.

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 day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Construction) 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 Government Ships 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 3rd day of this instant June, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Shop Hours 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 Finance 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 False Statements (Companies) 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 Sea Fisheries 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 Prisons (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric at Second Reading of the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 False Statements (Companies) 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 Sea Fisheries 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) 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 Police (Superannuation) 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 Electric Lighting (London) Bill (recommitted) 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 12th day of April last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of April last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant June;  
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant June, That the Indian Councils 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 Solicitors Bill 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 the Committee on Cunard Agreement (Money);  
Agreement [Money] Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Labours Committee on the Labours (Ireland) Bill;  
Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Bill Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Site for Duke Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Weights andinto consideration the Weights and Measures Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Savings Banks into further consideration the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 11th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of May last, That the Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fishery, Shipping, and Manufactures;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Suffolk 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 Medical Officers' (Ireland) 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Ministry of Commerce 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 Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) the number of Paupers chargeable to each Metropolitan Union who are inmates of Orphanages or other Homes chargeable to (2) the complaints on account of which such Paupers were sent to the Homes, and the number suffering from each complaint; (3) the weekly or other amount paid by the Guardians per head for such Paupers; and (4) the periods during which such Paupers have been inmates of the Homes.—(Sir Edward Sassoon.)

Ordered, That Mr. Barnae be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill; and that Captain Ellice be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

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

[No. 90.]

Tuesday, 28th June 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.
Ordeled, 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 Arbroath Corporation Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray 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 Melrose District Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray 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 Dunfermline District Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray 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 Arbroath Corporation Water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July 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 Melrose District Water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July 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 Dunfermline District Water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next; and to be printed.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 418 (Bermuda, Annual Report for 1903). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Return of all Loans raised in India, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the half-year ending on the 31st March 1904, with the rates of interest and total amount payable therein, and the date of the termination of each Loan, the debt incurred during the half-year, the moneys raised thereby during the half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the purpose or service for which moneys have been raised during the half-year.

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

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 28th day of April last, for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licences refused).

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 614. Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, No. 3198.

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

Captain Jessel reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group K of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Local Government (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Holley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as forsooth:

That in the case of the Local Government Local Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill (County of Northumberland) the Petition of Charles Davison Forest for dispensing with the Standing Order 228 in the case of the Provisional Order of the Northumberland County Council against the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group I of Private Bills have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group I of Private Bills; That in the case of the Money Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] they had agreed to the following Special Report:—The Committee, while finding the Preamble Special Report of the Bill proved, feel bound to record their unanimous opinion that decisions on the subject of harbour dues, and the basis on which they are levied, should no longer be left in the hands of Committees on Private Bills, but should be the subject of legislation initiated by the Board of Trade; and, further, the Committee are unanimously of opinion that the Board of Trade should simultaneously, and at an early date, initiate legislation with a view to raise the minimum of crew space per man required by Section 231 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

Sir John Brunner further reported the Money Docks Money Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report and the Special Vote Supply Report do lie upon the Table; and that the Report be printed.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Rotherham Corporation (Section A) Bill they had agreed to the following Report:—The Rotherham Corporation Bill.

That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 16th day of February last, the powers to construct Tramways No. 5 and 6 had been struck out of the Bill; and the consent of the local and road authority to Tramway No. 4 not having been proved, the Committee had also, pursuant to the said Resolution, struck out of the Bill the powers to make that tramway.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the
All petitions contained in the Provisions 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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for amending certain Provisions of the Bill for the London and North Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act for confirming an agreement between the Honorable Geoffrey Charles Lord Tredgar and the trustees of his settled estates and the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Dock and Railway Company, for the conveyance to the Company of lands forming part of the settled estates, and an agreement between the Company and Lord Tredgar for the issue to Lord Tredgar of a sum of £130,000 preferred ordinary stock of the Company; for authorising the trustees of the settled estates to purchase from Lord Tredgar a sum of £60,000, part of such last-mentioned preferred ordinary stock; for confirming the purchase by the trustees of the settled estates of a sum of £50,000 preferred ordinary stock of the Company created and issued under the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Dock and Railway Act, 1887, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Scarcroft Estate Act, 1877; 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 Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited; for constructing tramways and widening and altering roads and acquiring lands in and near Bristol, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lord Tredgar's Supplemental Estate Bill [Lords.]

Scarcroft Estate (Amendment) Bill [Lords.]

Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords.]

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) 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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.
Adjournment (under Standing Order No. 10.)

Army Re-organisation.

Adjournment (under Standing Order No. 10.)

An Adjournment Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

Mr. Beckett:—And a Debate arising thereon;

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

Wednesday, 29th June 1904:

And it being Midnight, the Motion lapsed, without Question put.

Licensing Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Licensing Bill;

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

Crown Lands.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands Bill;

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

Irish Land Bill.

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.

Constabulary (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill;

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

Education (Local Authority Default) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill;

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

Justices of the Peace Bill (Lord's).

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.

Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill.

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.

Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

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

Aliens (Expenses.)

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens (Expenses);

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Angle-French Convention (Expenses)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Angle-French Convention (Expenses);

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

Telegraph (Construction) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Construction) Bill;

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

Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shop Hours into consideration the Shop Hours 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 Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be moved to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Provisional Orders (Marriages) Bill, upon the 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Orders (Marriages) 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 Congested Districts Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformative Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Bill, next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) Bill (recommitted) Bill;

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, 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 Committee on Pension Agreement [Money];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasuries) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barrack Site) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;
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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; ordered, that the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 22nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief 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 Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Port Sanitary Authorities Expenses 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 Voters Registration Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Prevention of Cruelly to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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Training of Teachers and for the Examination of Students in Training Colleges.

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

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Earl Percy presented by His Majesty's Command.—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3199 and 3200.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the Fifty-eighth Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Local Authorities in Scotland (Technical Education.)

Mr. John Wilson Wilson reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section B) the Great Yarmouth 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 thereunto; and had amended the Title of the Bill.

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

Mr. David Thomas reported from the Select Committee on the Dean Forest 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 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 Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Colston and Mr. Sharkey: and had appointed in substitution: Sir Mauncherjee Bhownaggree and Dr. Sinha.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

Your Committee have had under their observance considerable number of Petitions from fellow-subjects in India, which are evidently presented under misapprehension, in the belief that Parliament must take action upon them. Nothing follows, beyond printing the Petition in the Appendix to the Report of the Committee, unless the subject of the Petition is of such urgency and importance (which is scarcely ever the case) as to be formally brought before the House of Commons on the Motion of a Member.

This misapprehension probably arises from the fact that the word "Petition" in the Indian vernacular means generally any appeal, application, memorial, &c.; and people in India assume that Parliament can deal with judicial disputes and decisions for which the final authority is the Privy Council, and with executive acts of the local administration, in respect to which the final authority is the Secretary of State for India in Council. In regard to both these classes of cases the Select Committee on Public Petitions can take no action.

It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that much expense is incurred by such Petitioners through the employment of legal or other advisers, as many of the Petitions are framed like legal appeals, and to some of them fee stamps are affixed, as in the case of judicial appeals. It would appear that a class of legal practitioners may, possibly in ignorance of the functions of the Committee, even encourage the transmission of Petitions, and make considerable profit out of them, at the expense of persons uniformed as to the procedure of Parliament on Petitions.

Consequently, in the interest of the Petitioners themselves, and to save them unnecessary expenditure, as well as disappointment, when their Petitions bring them no redress, the Committee desire by means of this Report that Petitioners may be put upon their guard, and that the limited result of petitioning may be better understood.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Lewis M'teer reported the Metropolitan District Railway Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

Sir Lewis M'teer reported from the Committee on Group 10 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Sir Herbert Maxwell, supported by Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Sydney Buxton, and Mr. Dewar, presented a Bill to extend the provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Acts (Saint Kilda) Acts, excepting as regards certain birds required for the support of the inhabitants of the islands: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the words "ill-conducted," to insert the words "or for not having provided reasonable refreshment."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Broadhurst: ) 180.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Fellows: ) 265.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the words "unsuitable or," to insert the words "or are remote from or difficult of police supervision."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Herbert Lewis; Mr. Trevelyan: ) 175.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Eddy; Mr. Fellows: ) 258.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "are," in order to insert the words "that undesirable practices or methods of trading have been carried on in or in connection with, or that the premises are insanitary or."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put, That the word "are" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Alexander Acland- Hood: ) 268.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Fellows: ) 190.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "structurally deficient or,"—(Mr. Heywood Johnstone.)

Question, That those words stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "unsuitable," to insert the words "or of insufficient value."—(Mr. Henry David Greene.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "unsuitable," to insert the words "or that the licensee refuses or has wilfully neglected to comply with any reasonable requirements of the justices."—(Mr. Bousfield.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 30th June 1904:

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Bousfield; Mr. James Woodhouse: ) 146.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Fellows: ) 214.

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, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "require," the words—

"(2) If a person upon whom a notice has been served as aforesaid makes default in complying with any of the requisitions thereof, within the time specified, the sanitary authority shall make a complaint under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, and the petty sessional court hearing the complaint may make an order to the effect that the person require such person to comply with all or any of the requisitions of the notice."—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted,—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 23, by leaving out Clause 46.—(Dr. Amrose.)

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 46 stand part of the Bill:—The said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on the Licensing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "unsuitable or,"—(Mr. Henry David Greene.)

Question, That the word "unsuitable" stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "unsuitable," to insert the words "or of insufficient value."—(Mr. Whitley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "unsuitable," to insert the words "or that the licensee refuses or has wilfully neglected to comply with any reasonable requirements of the justices."—(Mr. Bousfield.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.
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 Censure Agreement [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval and Military Munitions 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 Post Office Sites Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries 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 Prisons (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 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 Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) 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 Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) 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 1st day of this instant June, That the Indian Councils Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Friday 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labourers Committee on the Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Second Reading of the Crown Lands Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Constabulary Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Local Authority Deficiency) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Aliens Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph (Construction) 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 Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shop Hours into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday 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 Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies (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 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.

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The Mallock and 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Selly Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy No. 233, of Report by the Board of Trade on Applications made during the year ended 30th June 1904 under the Railway Companies' Powers Act, 1894; and of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade with respect thereto.

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

Mr. Victor Caneshaw presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-fourth
Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant June, for Returns relative to Government Departments Securities.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return and the Paper relative to Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues be printed.

Sir William Anson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Order in Council under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, dated 23rd June 1904, defining the limits of the Dockyard Port of Dover.  
Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, of the 23rd June 1904, entitled the Somaliland Order in Council, 1904.  
Copy of Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, of 23rd June 1904, amending the Order in Council of 19th November 1902, regulating the Currency of Northern Nigeria.  
Copy of Order in Council under the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865.

Segregated Orders of Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1870.  
Copy of Order in Council under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1875, of 23rd June 1904, appointing the Registrar of the Privy Council to be Registrar in Ecclesiastical and Maritime Causes.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Savings Bank (Reorganisation) Bill [Lords], with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Holland reported the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bills [Lords], with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Holland reported the Cardiff Railway Bill [Lords], with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Holland reported from the Committee on Group 11 of Railway Bills; That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John William Wilson reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section B); That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Water Bill [Lords], with Amendments.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—  
The Lords have agreed to the Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.  
The Lords have agreed to the Commons Regulation (Oxshott) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.  
The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.  
The Lords have agreed to the Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.  
The Lords have agreed to the Breamo Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.  
The Lords have agreed to the Great Central and Midland Joint Railways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.  
The Lords have agreed to the Baker Street Railways Bill, with Amendments; and to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Birkdale Improvement 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 upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester with reference to the construction of waterworks and streets, and otherwise for better local government and improvement of the city; to extend the city; and to make provision with reference to the borrowing powers of the Corporation, 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 better and provision for the health, good government, and improvement of the Borough of Bridlington, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Bridlington Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Port of London Bill was read, and discharged. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 11th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Education (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 11th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. John Hutton, supported by Sir John Davington and Colonel Stopford Sackville, presented a Bill to amend the Law to enable the council of every county and county borough to be the sole Valuation Authority of its county or borough for all rateable purposes, and for Income Tax and Inhabited House Duty: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of July next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hugh Law, supported by Sir James Haslett, Sir Thomas Femonde, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Captain Donelan, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Drunkeneesses in Ireland, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next, and to be printed.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of April last a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—

 resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,839,000 be Naval Estimates, 1904–5.

At a sum not exceeding £5,646,000 be Naval

An Army Estimates, 1904–5.

That a sum not exceeding £2,839,000 be Warlike and other

A sum not exceeding £5,645,000 be Naval

granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of

Stores which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905.

That a sum not exceeding £2,839,000 stand part of the said Resolution.

Tellers for the Yeas;—Mr. Fellowes; 213.

Tellers for the Noes;—Captain Norton;ments, and Waste

That a sum not exceeding £2,839,000 be Naval

Office of Scientific Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905.

That a sum not exceeding £404,500 be Royal Naval

and Officers, including the cost of 


granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of Warlike and other

Stores which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905.
Reserve (including Seamen Pensioner Reserve), and the Royal Naval Volunteers, &c. which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905.

9. That a sum not exceeding £444,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905.

10. That a sum not exceeding £786,200 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 1905.

11. That a sum not exceeding £583,200 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 1905.

The said Resolutions being read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned (Mr. Edmund Robertson):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Second and Third Resolutions were agreed to.

Ordered, That the further consideration of subsequent Resolutions be deferred till Monday next.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904–5.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £35,500 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 1905, for expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £20,500 be granted for the said service (Mr. Whiteley):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £69,100 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 1905 for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

And 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 a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sittings.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Tyneside Tramways and Tramroads Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all the words after the word "Bill," and adding the words "be " recommissioned to the former Committee in a respect of Clauses 15 and 16."—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

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. Crawford Smith, Mr. Gallon) :—142.

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir Walter Plummer) :—178.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "be recommissioned to the former Committee in a respect of Clauses 15 and 16" be inserted after the word "Bill" in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to the former Committee in respect of Clauses 15 and 16.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904–5.

Class I.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £60,100 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 1905, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

Friday, 1st July 1904:

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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 23rd June last.

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 28th April, the 29th of April last (Afternoon Sitting); during Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon 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 12th day of May last (Afternoon 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 12th day of May 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 31st day of May last;
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 16th day of June last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (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 Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens (Expenses);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention (Expenses);
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) Bill (recommenced) Bill (Vol. 109).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works Bill (Ports- mouth Barracks Site) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill; the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

[No. 93.]

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 Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:
Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill [Lords];
Okehampton and Dawley Joint Water Board Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred pursuant to the Order of the House of the 27th day of June last, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:—
County of Suffolk Bill

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

London and North Western Railway Bill

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and North 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 Ticehurst and District Water and 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.

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Minford Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That in the case of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Midrose District Water Order Confirmation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midrose District Water 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.

Whaling and Whale-curing (Scotland.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary for Scotland to inquire into the new Whaling and Whale-curing Industry on the coast of Scotland and in the adjacent waters, Vol. 1., Report.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the County of Suffolk Bill was read and discharged.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Tynemouth Corporation Bill [Lords], with Amendments.
Government Schedules, and any other proceedings necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion, on the fourth allotted day;

(e) The proceedings on Report on any new Clauses, and on Amendments to Clauses 1, 2, and 3 of that Bill, be brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day; and

(f) The proceedings on Report be concluded on the sixth allotted day:

After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as the first Order of the day:

At Eleven p.m. on the said allotted days, or, if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments), and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted Business to be concluded on the allotted day;

In the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be:

At Twelve Midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order, or, if that day is a Friday, at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill:

Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be interrupted (except at an Afternoon Sitting at 5.30 p.m.) under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House:

After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be moved unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith; nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the House in the Committee for consideration on any of the allotted days, or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order:

If Progress be reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent Sitting of the Committee—(Mr. Balfour):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 1, by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “this House declines to consider a proposal to deprive the House of Commons, without any justification in the previous course of the Debate, of all power of reasonable and adequate discussion in respect of a measure which seeks, in the absence of any authority from the country, to make fundamental and much-controversial changes in laws vitally affecting the well-being of the people”—(Mr. Asquith);—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words in the proceedings 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. John Morley)—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Bill Committee on the Licensing Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Zozom Forest (recomm. mitted) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 to No. 10 agreed to.

Schedule 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 Council Committee on Council Agreement [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military Medals Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters 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 False Statements (Companies) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Indian False Statements (Companies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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 Labourers Committee on the Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justice 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 Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office S equipment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office S equipment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Lord Stanley): It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens (Expenditure):
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglo-French Convention (Expenses):
Ordered, 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 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 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 Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) (recommitted) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury 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 Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir Alexander Ascland-Hood)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 94.]

Monday, 4th July 1904.

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 applicable Provisional Order Bills, the Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Lord Tredgar’s Supplemental Estate Bill [Lords].
Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment) 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on applicable Provisional Order Bills, the Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration—Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Southport and Lytham Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]—(Mr. Secretary Agg-Gardner presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Information received from the Department, 1904.)

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Selby and Urban District and Drainage (Birmingham) Bill [Lords.]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Selby and Urban District and Drainage (Birmingham) Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Malvern District Water 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Education Board Provisional Order (Birmingham) 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 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.

The Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] be read a second time; and committed.

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

South Africa.

Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the amount which would be raised from each parish on the basis of (1) valuation alone, and (2) half on valuation and half on population.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow; and be printed.

Mr. App-Gardiner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. App-Gardiner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Yuwall presented, pursuant to the Intermediate directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland appointing the places at which Examinations for 1904 shall be held.

Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland determining the number of Centre Superintendents to be appointed for the Examinations, 1904.

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

Mr. Pretzman presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Report of His Majesty's Astronomer at the Cape of Good Hope Observatory to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Pery presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports, Annual Series, No. 3201).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of a Memorandum stating the nature of the proposal contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Bill [Lords.], Orders (No. 5) Bill [Lords.].—(Mr. Donner Larc.)

Mr. App-Gardiner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and the Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. App-Gardiner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Local Government Board Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; 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; and be printed.

Mr. App-Gardiner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Local Government Board Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Order) had stated that the evidence of Henry Francis Berry, Byker Street, Walker, (No. 32) Bill. Thomas Messer Sturgess, S. Nicholas Buildings, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Dr. Robert Pittills Dawson, Welbough Road West, Walker, 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 H. F. Berry, T. M. Sturgess, and R. P. Dawson do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Henry Francis Berry, Thomas Messer Sturgess, and Robert Pittills Dawson do attend the Committee on Group L of Private Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. App-Gardiner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Local Government Board Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Order) had stated that the evidence of Thomas Carr, Engineer, Willow Terrace, (No. 12) Bill. o o 2
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Bishop Auckland, Shildon, (Lords.)

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 Burgh of Airdrie; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the Improvement of the Merchant City of Edinburgh, 1894, relating to the Tramways, 1894; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Leith Burgh Lords be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

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 that the Amendment be printed.

Ordered, That the Airdrie Corporation Gas Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 1st day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the proceedings in Committee and on Report of the Licensing Bill shall be brought to a conclusion in the manner hereinafter mentioned on six allotted days:—

(a) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the first allotted day;

(b) The proceedings in Committee on Clauses 2 and 3 on the second allotted day;

(c) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 4 on the third allotted day;

(d) The proceedings in Committee on the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and on any new Government Clauses, and on any new Government Schedules, and on any other proceedings necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion, on the fourth allotted day;

(e) The proceedings on Report on any new Clauses, and on Amendments to Clauses 1, 2, and 3 of that Bill, be brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day; and

(f) The proceedings on Report be concluded on the sixth allotted day:

After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as the first Order of the day:

At Eleven p.m. on the said allotted days, or, if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the Question or Questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments), and on every Question necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion, on the fourth allotted day:

In the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be:

At Twelve Midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first.

Order, or, if that day is a Friday, at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill:

Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be interrupted (except at an Adjournment Sitting at 7.30 p.m.) under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House:

After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith; nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the Evening Sitting for consideration on any of the allotted days, or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order:

If Progress be reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent Sitting of the Committee—(Mr. Balfour);

Which Amendment was, in line 1, to leave out all the words after the word "That," in order to insert the words "this House declines to consider "a proposal to deprive the House of Commons, "without any justification in the previous course "of the Debate, of all power of reasonable "and adequate discussion in respect of a measure "which seeks, in the absence of any authority "from the country, to make fundamental "and much-controversial changes in laws vitally "affecting the well-being of the people"—

(Mr. Asquith), instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "the proceedings" 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this evening:

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Licensing Bill the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, (Procedure.) upon the 1st day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the proceedings in Committee and on Report of the Licensing Bill shall be brought to a conclusion in the manner hereinafter mentioned on six allotted days:—

(a) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the first allotted day;

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After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as first Order of the day:

At Eleven p.m. on the said allotted days, or, if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the Question or Questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments), and on every Question necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion, on the fourth allotted day:

In the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be:

At Twelve Midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first.

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At Eleven p.m. on the said allotted days, or, if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman Speaker shall put forthwith the Question or Questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments), and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted Business to be concluded on the allotted days:

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At Twelve Midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order, or, if that day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill:

Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be interrupted (except at an Afternoon Sitting at 7.30 p.m.) under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House:

After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith; nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the Evening Sitting for consideration on any of the allotted days, or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order:

And it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business:

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

**Tellers for the Yeas:**

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

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And it being after Midnight, objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

**Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Bill, Committee on the Licensing 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 Bishops of Southwell and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

**Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 government Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill; Ships Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Penal Servitude Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of June last, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

**Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 12th day of this instant July.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Butter Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill:

**Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant July.**

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

**Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant July.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine Insurance Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land 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
Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Finance 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 Alkali, &c. Works 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 Prisons (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 Bishopric of Bristol 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 Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries 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 Solicitors 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 Crown Lands Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary (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 Education (Local Authority Default) 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 Telegraph (Construction) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords]; 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 30th day of June last, That this House

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both agree with the Committee in the First Resolution which, upon the 12th day of April last, was reported from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking supply into consideration the Fourth and subsequent [13th April] Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred; Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [28th June] the 30th day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the supply. Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [24th June] the 23rd day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th April] the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th April] the 23rd day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th April] the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th April] the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th April] the 31st day of May last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [16th June] the 16th day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [16th June] the 16th day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies 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 Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Censor Agreement [Money]; 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 Naval and Military Media's 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 Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters 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 False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of June last, That the Indian Councils Bill now be 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 Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 18th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Savings Banks Acts Amendment 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 Poor Law Officers' 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 Vagrants' Children Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House-letting (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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Fort Sanitary Authorities Expenses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fort Sanitary Authorities Expenses Bill:

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

False Characters Bill.

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 Wednesday next.

Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of this instant July.

Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill:

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

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill:

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

Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill:

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

Roman Catholic Disabilities General Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill:

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Tuesday, 5th July 1904.

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 Corporation (Tramways) Bill [Lords].

Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Minshull Urban District Council 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 has agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Saint Mary Woolnoth 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 Fife Improvement Bill [Lords], as Improvement Bill [Lords.] amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Maidenhead Bridge Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Miler and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords]; as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Leith Burgh Order Confirmation Bill; and the Bill was read, according to Order, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Charts (reduced in size) illustrating the Statistics of Trade, Employment, and Conditions of Labour in the United Kingdom, prepared for the Saint Louis Exhibition by the Commercial, Labour, and Statistical Department of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Electric to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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That in the case of the County of Suffolk Bill the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed, provided that the consent of the holders of shares given by the Joint Committee of the Counties of East and West Suffolk be proved before the Committee on the Bill, and that the notice for the Bill be published in the London Gazette and in the local newspapers.

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

Captain Jessel reported the Lock Laven Water Power Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Committee on the Local Government Board 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, 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; and to be printed.

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of pasting the said Orders in connexion with the Bill, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday 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 Mr. Lord, of the Lords, for the Bill to be reported from the Joint Committee on the London County Council (Money) 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 Matlock and District Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Torksey and District Water and Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Round reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords; That in the case of the Louth Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill they had examined the allegations made by this House to the Torksey and District Water and Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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 proceedings in Committee and on Report of the Licensing Bill shall be brought to a conclusion in the manner hereinafter mentioned on six allotted days:

(a) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the fifth allotted day;
(b) The proceedings in Committee on Clauses 2 and 3 on the second allotted day;
(c) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 4 on the third allotted day;
(d) The proceedings in Committee on the remaining Clauses of the Bill, and on any new Government Clauses, and on Schedules and any new Government Schedules, and any other proceedings necessary to bring the Committee stage to a conclusion, on the fourth allotted day;
(e) The proceedings on Report on any new Clauses, and on Amendments to Clauses 1, 2, and 3 of that Bill, be brought to a conclusion on the fifth allotted day; and
(f) The proceedings on Report be concluded on the sixth allotted day:

After this Order comes into operation, any day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order on which the Licensing Bill is put down as the first Order of the day:

At Eleven p.m. on the said allotted days, or, if the day is a Friday, at 4.30 p.m., the Chairman or Speaker shall put forthwith the Question or Questions on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and shall next proceed successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments), and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted Business to be concluded on the allotted day:

In the case of Government Amendments, or of Government new Clauses or Schedules, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made, or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill, as the case may be:

At Twelve Midnight on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order, or, if that day is a Friday, at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to conclude the proceedings on that stage of the Bill:

Proceedings to which this Order relates shall not be interrupted (except at an Afternoon Sitting at 7.30 p.m.) under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to Sittings of the House:

After the passing of this Order, on any day on which any proceedings on the Licensing Bill stand as the first Order of the day, no dilatory Motion on the Bill, nor under Standing Order No. 10, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be received unless moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith; nor shall any opposed Private Business be set down at the Evening Sitting for consideration on any of the allotted days, or on the day on which the Third Reading of the Bill is put down as first Order:

If Progress be reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent Sitting of the Committee.—(Mr. Balfour); And the Question being again proposed—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 2, by leaving out the words "in Committee and."—(Mr. Lloyd-George).
And the Question being put, That the words “in Committee” stand part of the Question; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]—
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes:]
Noo, [Mr. Macnamara:]

220.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George;]
Noo, [Mr. M'Kenna:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 2, by leaving out the words “and in Report.”—(Mr. Yoxall.)
And the Question being put, That the words “and on Report” stand part of the Question; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]—
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes:]
Noo, [Mr. Yoxall:]

258.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone;]
Noo, [Mr. William M'Arthur:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:
And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the word “six” stand part of the Question; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]—
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes:]
Noo, [Mr. Yoxall:]

260.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone;]
Noo, [Mr. William M'Arthur:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]—
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes:]
Noo, [Mr. Yoxall:]

265.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone;]
Noo, [Mr. William M'Arthur:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

(b) The proceedings in Committee on Clause 1 on the first allotted day;
(c) The proceedings in Committee on Clauses 2 and 3 on the second allotted day;
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If Progress be reported, the Chairman shall put this Order in force in any subsequent Sitting of the Committee.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "unsuitable," to insert the words "or have been subject to frequent changes of tenancy."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the

Mr. Herbert Roberts, Yeas: 133.

Mr. Broadhurst: 122.

Mr. Fellowes: 113.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the third word "or," to insert the words "on any ground or."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "character," to insert the words "or conduct of the actual holder of the licence."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the

Mr. Herbert Roberts, Yeas: 132.

Mr. Broadhurst: 121.

Mr. Fellowes: 112.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "character," to insert the words "or conduct of his business by."—(Mr. William Lawrence.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the

Mr. William Lawrence: 150.

Mr. Oswald Williams: 128.

Mr. Fellowes: 117.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "holder," to insert the words "or contracted rights or liabilities as regards the licensed premises."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the

Mr. Herbert Roberts, Yeas: 151.

Mr. Long: 140.

Mr. Fellowes: 129.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "proposed."—(Mr. Whitley.)

Question put, That the word "proposed" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: 245.

Mr. Fellowes: 235.

Mr. Whitley: 141.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "or that any conditions upon which the licence was granted have not been fulfilled."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "except in county boroughs."—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Wednesday, 6th July 1904:

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 taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee]; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee]; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill; Ships Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine Insurance Bill; Marine Insurance Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indemnity Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];
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 Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) 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 Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Savings Banks Acts Amendment 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Lygoll be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Registration of Nurses; and that Mr. Charles Hobhouse be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

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. Bower Law.)

Ordered, That Mr. Malcolm be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Registration of Nurses; and that Mr. Mount be added to the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Aslet-Hood.)

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

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Wednesday, 6th July 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayer.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Oakengates Board Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Airdrie Corporation Gas Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Airdrie Corporation Gas 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 Wishaw Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The Arbroath Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

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

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Regulations for the Instruction and Training of Pupil Teachers from 1st August 1904 to 31st July 1905.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Government, — Copy of Report of the Principal Chemist upon the Work of the Government Laboratory for the year ending 31st March 1904, with Appendices.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1899, dated 30th March 1904, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Director of Barrack Construction, War Office, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be required in the public service are required.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Government, — Copy of Index to Reports of His Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Representatives Abroad on Trade and subjects of general interest, with Appendix, 1903.

Copy of Report on the Condition and Trade with Persia, by Mr. W. Muirhead, Esquire, Special Commissioner of the Commercial Intelligence Committee of the Board of Trade.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command, — Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3202 to 3206.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Twenty-second Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1903. Part III., Scientific Investigations.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Extracts relating to Coal from the Reports received up to the present date from His Majesty’s Diplomatic and Consular Officers Abroad for 1903.—(Mr. Fernie.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Memorandum and 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 recent years, and the Imports and Exports of certain classes of Iron and Steel Manufactures (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 240 of Session 1903.)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Sir Edward Strachey reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee has adjourned till Tuesday 19th July, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 9.)

Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1. (Reference to quarter sessions of questions as to renewal of licences in certain cases).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the words last inserted, to insert the words “except in county boroughs.”—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the words last inserted, to insert the words “or any of the before-mentioned grounds in a combination with any other ground.”—(Sir Robert Reid.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out from the words last inserted to the word “shall,” in l. 10.—(Mr. M’Kenna.)

Question put, That the word “shall” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “in county areas.”—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “in the event of quarter sessions deciding to impose in respect of all on-licences within their area the charges referred to in section 3, subject to the provisions of this section for inquiries and report by licensing justices.”—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “when quarter sessions so determine.”—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “subject to the provisions of this section for inquiries and report by licensing justices.”—(Mr. Henry Hobhouse.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out from the word “in” to the word “but” in l. 10, in order to insert the words “a committee, one-half of whom in every case shall be elected by the justices of the licensing district from their own number, and one-half by the county council from their own number.”—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

Question put, That the words “quarter sessions” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

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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.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the word "an," to insert the word "existing."—(Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas.) Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, after the word "premises," to insert the words "and unless it appears to quarter sessions unnecessary, any other persons appearing to them to be interested in the question of the "renewal of the licence of those premises."—(Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: 182.

Tellers for the Sir James Woodhouse: 194.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words "instead of," in order to insert the words "sitting with."—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the Mr. Ellis Griffith, Noes, Mr. Edwards: 128.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "but," in order to insert the word "and."—(Mr. Muiru Ferguson.) Question put, That the word "but" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: 264.

Tellers for the Mr. Muiru Ferguson, Noes, Mr. Herbert Lewis: 167.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out from the word "but" to the end of l. 12.—(Mr. Asquith.) 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, Mr. Fellowes: 279.

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Noes, Mr. William M'Arthur: 210.

And it being after Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 5th day of this instant July, successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given, and on every Question necessary to dispose of the allotted Business to be concluded on the first allotted day.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "an," to insert the word "existing."—(Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas.) Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "district," to insert the words "on the consideration by them, in accordance with the Licensing Acts, 1828 to 1902, of applications for the renewal of licences."—(Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas.) Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word "particular," to insert the word "existing."—(Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas.) Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

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Chairman proceeds, in pursuance of the Order of the House, to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments moved by the Government, &c.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee]; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill; Works Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) 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]; [Lords] Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill; Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea 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 Sea Fisheries Bill (Scotland) [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 Sea Fisheries Bill (Saint Kilda) [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 Sea Fisheries Bill (Portsmouth) [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 Sea Fisheries Bill (Saint Kilda) [Lords];
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 Wednesday next.

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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 Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill (Saint Kilda) [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 Roman Catholic Dis-
abilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till twenty-five minutes before One of the
clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till
this day.

[No. 97.] Thursday, 7th July 1904.
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 follow-
ing Bill, originating in the Lords, and
referred on the First Reading thereof, the
Standing Orders which are applicable thereto
have been complied with, viz.:—
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders
(Lords.)
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

Birkdale Improvement Bill

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Birkdale 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.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Crystal Palace District Gas Bill; and the same
were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordships.

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Bill

The Clyde Valley Electrical 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.

Selby Urban District Council Bill

The Selby Urban District Council Bill was
read the third time, and passed, with a new
Title, as follows.—An Act to enable the
Urban District Council of Selby to construct
new waterworks, and to make further provision
with regard to their market, water, and gas
undertakings; to enable them to acquire Selby
Bridge; and for the improvement, health, and
local government of the district.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

Southport and Lytham Tramroad
Extension of Time) Bill

The Southport and Lytham Tramroad
Extension of Time) 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.

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was referred; that they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

That the Committee are of opinion that, having regard to the number of Amendments to the Bill and the late period of the Session, they cannot with advantage proceed further with the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report be printed.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Select Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Wales) Bill; that they had agreed to the following Special Report:

Your Committee has sat ten days, and has received evidence from twenty-two witnesses, viz., the acting Lord Chairman of Committees, the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Secretary for Scotland, two Members of the House of Commons, representatives of the Scottish Office and Local Government Board, a representative of the Association of Municipal Corporations, eight witnesses experienced in the working of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, and six witnesses from Wales.

There was practical unanimity among the witnesses that, having regard to the special circumstances which prevail in Scotland for the working of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, it is only natural that provisions should be made for those circumstances, which are not considered as applicable to Wales. Some of the witnesses thought that difficulties might arise in Wales from the absence of any one Department having similar powers in relation to Wales to those possessed by the Scotch Office as regards Scotland, but they did not consider these difficulties insuperable.

Mr. Bury, Mr. Powell, and Mr. George considered that the authorities in Wales were deterred at present from seeking powers of which they stood in need, and that if an Act were passed for Wales there would be an increase in the number of applications; but Mr. Beasley was of opinion that the number of applications would be reduced if such an Act were passed.

Suggestions were made for the extension of the existing Provisional Order system by the Chairman of Ways and Means, and also by Dr. Murray, Mr. George, Mr. Brevitt, and Mr. Lithby; Mr. Brevitt and Mr. Lithby being also of opinion that Provisional Order Bills opposed in Parliament should go to a Joint Committee, and not to a Committee of each House.

From a Paper handed in by Lord Balfour, showing the number of applications from Wales during the last six years, it appears that, in his opinion, only eight Orders, or an average, would have been heard in Wales in each Session if the Scottish procedure had been adopted. The Chairman of Ways and Means concurred in this opinion.

Your Committee has come to the conclusion that the working of the Private Bill Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act of 1899 has been, on the whole, successful during the few years that the Act has been in operation, and it attributes this success in a great measure to the Scottish Office, with its staff of officials, being able to watch over the proceedings of the Provisional Orders, and the Bills introduced under the Act for the purpose of confirming the Provisional Orders passed by the Commissioners.

Your Committee at the same time wishes to emphasise the necessity of effective Parliamentary control over these proceedings, and for that purpose urges that the Members of the Commission appointed under the Act should be drawn from the Parliamentary Panel in preference to the extra-Parliamentary Panel whenever practicable.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
the Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and South Snowden
Railway Bill [Lords], with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Wirral Bridge
Power Bill [Lords]; that they had examined
the allegations contained in the Preamble of the
Bill, and made a verbal Amendment thereto,
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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Select Committee on the West Riding
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 thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Select Committee on the Private
Corporation Tramways 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 thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Select Committee on the Bournemouth
Corporation Tramways 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 thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
Buxton Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Select Committee on the Railway Bill
(Lords), vide supplement to the Votes.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
the Railway Bill [Lords], vide supplement to
the Votes.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of
Selection; that they had discharged the
following Members from the Standing
Committees on Law, and Courts of Justice, and
Legal Procedure:—Mr. Attorney General,
Major Scrymgeour, Mr. Peel, Mr. Claude
Hay, Mr. Moon, Sir Harry Samuel, Mr. James
Baily, Mr. Seymour Grubbery-Core, Mr. Theodore
Taylor, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. T. W. Russell,
Mr. John Rutherford, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Hugh Law,
Dr. Shipman, and Sir Mancheejee Bhownaggree;
and appointed in substitution:—Mr. Solicitor
General, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Colston, Mr.
Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Swift Mac
Neill, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Matthew White Ridley,
Lieutenant-Colonel Pryor-Jones, Mr. Henry
Hodgson, Mr. George Faber, Mr. Helder, Sir
George Fardell, Sir George Bartley, Mr.
Haldane, Mr. Samuel Evans, and Mr. Towers.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
the Liverpool and Wigan Churches Bill [Lords],
with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class III.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £71,542 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 1905 for the Salaries and expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £70,342 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Colman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yes, 

Mr. Fellowes. 

Tellers for the 

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £21,773 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 1905 for the Salaries and expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £100.—(Sir Thomas Exmonds):—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 resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then postponed:

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last (Evening Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Constabulary (Ireland) 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 Education (Local Authority Default) 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 Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justice of the Peace 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 Congested Districts (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 Marine Insurance 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 Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill (not 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 Naval and Military Medal 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 Savings Bank Acts Amendment 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 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 Foreign 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

[No. 98.]

Friday, 7th July 1904.

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.:

Harrow Urban District Council 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

De Trafford Estate Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Plymouth Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wolverhampton 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 Ely 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.

The Maidenhead Bridge 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 Etto Vale Urban District 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 Harrogate Waterworks (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Richard Jeger’s Patent Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Airdrie Corporation Gas 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 Wishaw Corporation 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 Airdrie Corporation Water 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 Dunfermline District Water 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no provision dealing with the amendment of the Irish Land Act of 1903 can be accepted as satisfactory which deals only with facilitating Irish landlords in obtaining the bonus, and which provides no remedy for the grave defects of that Act affecting Irish tenants, particularly the creation of a system of zones leading to the unjust inflation of prices, and the absence of provisions for the compulsory acquisition of untenanted land essential for the enlargement of holdings, the restoration of evicted tenants, and the final settlement of the Irish land question."—(Mr. John Redmond), 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:

Mr. Gerald Belfour, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Keogh, Mr. Leckie, Mr. M'Micking, Mr. Tempest, Mr. Teeling, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood; 203.

Tellers for the

Yeas, Mr. Fellowes;

Mr. Fellowes;

Mr. Thomas Esmonde, Captain Donelan; 90.

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

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood;

Yeas, Mr. Fellowes;

Mr. Fellowes;

Mr. Thomas Esmonde, Captain Donelan; 82.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill; Works Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Naval and Military Medals 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 Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters 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 Site for Duke of York's Naval and Military Agreement [Money];
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 Crown 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 Site for Duke of York's Naval and Military Agreement [Money];
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 Anglo-French Convention 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 Savings Banks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's Naval and Military Agreement [Money];
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 Local Authorities (Treasuries) 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 Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 Savings Banks Acts 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir Lewis M'Ever reported from the Comp.-Railway Bills Committee on Group 10 of Railway Bills; That, (Group 16) for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned until Tuesday 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 from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Stour Hill Nether Soothill Urban District Tramways Bill, with Amendments to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Doncaster Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Shipton Water and Improved Drainage 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 Mines and Urban District Council Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Merchant Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1900; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Electric Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Bath Bill [Lords].

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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 Rainham Water, Sewerage Water, Southwell Water, Wakefield Water, and Melbourn District Gas and Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to give leave to the Right Honourable George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, a Member of this House, to attend in order to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on the Strabane, Raphoe, and Conwy Railway Bill.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

And Mr. Wyndham, being present in his place, declared that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Resolved, That George Wyndham, Esquire, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to George Wyndham, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The electric Lighting Provisional Orders (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.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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 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.

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 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till four 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, 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.:

- Boston Urban District Council 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 been complied with, viz.:

- Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill [Lords].
- Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) Bill [Lords].
- Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Barrow-in-Furness 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 Liverpool and Wigan Churches 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 Llanelli Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Appointment of trustees by Barry Port Urban District Council) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lock Lines Water Power Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time,—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tynemouth Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Belfast Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Bridlington Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Lord Tredegar's Supplemental Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

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The Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Port and Docks Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Airbreath Corporation Water 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 Dunfermline District Water 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 Glasgow Corporation (Police) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented,—
Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 30th day of June last, for Returns relative to County Courts (Plaints and Sittings).
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 9) Warrant, 1904, dated 21st June 1904.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 7th July 1904, declaring that Thomas Galler, Skilled Labourer, 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary for Scotland to inquire into the new Whaling and Whale-curing Industry on the coast of Scotland, and in the adjacent waters. Vol. II., Minutes of Evidence and Appendix.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Asson presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Regulations of the Board of Education, dated 11th July 1904, providing for Grants on account of the Education of Defective and Epileptic Children, and prescribing conditions to be fulfilled by certified Schools and Classes for such Children.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Africa Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Resignation of Sir Charles Eliot, and to the Concession to the East Africa Syndicate.
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 3209 to 3212.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Fisheries Command,—Copy of Report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the Sea and Island Fisheries of Ireland for 1903. Part I., General Report.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Light Railways 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, transferring to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Lowestoft the powers conferred upon the East Anglian Light Railways Company by the East Anglian Light Railways Order, 1902, and amending that Order (Lowestoft Corporation (East Anglian Transfer) Light Railways Order, 1904).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the City of Ripon, and in the Rural District of Ripon, in the West Riding of the County of York (Ripon and District Light Railways Order, 1904).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways from Winesey, in the County of Oxford, to Andoverford, in the County of Gloucester (Winesey, Berford, and Andoverford Light Railway Order, 1904).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway from Winesey, in the County of Oxford, to Andoverford, in the County of Gloucester (Winesey, Berford, and Andoverford Light Railway Order, 1904).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea and the Urban District of Shoeburyness (Southend-on-Sea and District Light Railways (Extensions) Order, 1904).

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

George Charles Bingham, Esquire, commonly known Member called Lord Bingham, Member for the County borough of Surrey (North Western or Chertsey Division), was sworn.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a
Message from the Lords, that a
Great Eastern Railway Bill, to which the
North Western Electricity and Power Bill, with Amendments; to which the
Clyde Valley Electric Railway Bill.
Light Ballast Bill [Lords.]
Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]
Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.]
Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]
Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.]
Post Office Bill.
Licensing Bill [2nd allotted day.] The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing Bill.
(Committee.)
Clause No. 2 (Payment of compensation on non-renewal of licence). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, at the beginning, to insert the words "in the case of " without fourteen years after the passing of "this Act."—(Mr. William Houldsworth.) Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Edmund Robertson.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis.]
Noes, [Mr. Alexander Acland-
Hood, [Mr. Fellowes ;]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. l. 2, 27, after the word "where," to insert the words "within fourteen years after the passing of "this Act."—(Sir William Houldsworth.)
Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir William Houldsworth.]
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-
Noes, [Mr. Fellowes.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. l. 1, 28, after the word "Act," to insert the words "or " where licensed premises are required for " purposes of public utility or improvement."—

"(a) To all persons employed in or about " the licensed premises in connection " with the sale of intoxicating " liquors, three months' wages or " salary; 

"(b) To the occupier of the said premises, " a sum equal to two years' profits " calculated on the average of the " last five years, and also the " difference between the value of " the stock and fittings in the " premises, as valued between an " ingoing and outgoing tenant, and " their value for removal and sale; 

"(c) To the owner of the said premises, " the cost of any structural altera- 
tions necessary to adapt the " premises to other uses than the " sale of intoxicating liquors, such " amount not to exceed two years' " annual value; 

"(d) If the renewal be refused before " the thirty-first day of December " one thousand nine hundred and " fourteen, then there shall be paid, " in addition to compensation as " above, to the owner of the said " premises a sum equal to the " average annual profits calculated " as above multiplied by the number " of years unexpired between the " date of the refusal of the licence " and the thirty-first day of Decem- " ber one thousand nine hundred " and fourteen."—(Mr. Charles Seely.)

Question proposed, That the words "a sum" 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.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, after the word "promises," to insert the words "including the holder of the licence."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out from the word "be" to the word "determined," in l. 10.—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words "having regard to the premises on account of the refusal of the licence holder not only to "his legal interest in the premises but also to "his conduct, and to the length of time during "which he has been the holder of the licence, "and the holder of a licence shall (notwithstan"ing any agreement to the contrary) in "no case receive a less amount than he would "be entitled to as tenant for a year, or entitled "from year to year, of the licensed premises."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the words "shall in each year, unless they certify to the "Secretary of State that it is unnecessary to do "so in any year."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, after the word "all," to insert the word "existing,"—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, to leave out the words "granted or."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, at the beginning, to insert the word "First,"—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 54, to leave out subsection (3), in order to insert the words—

(3) Such deductions from rent as are set out "in the Second Schedule to this Act may, "notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, "be made by any licence holder who pays a "charge under this section, and also by any "person from whose rent a deduction is made "in respect of the payment of such a charge."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made,—put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33 and 34, to leave out the words "or in respect of special payments for new licences."—(Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 41, after the word "Act," to insert the words "and such expenses of the justices of the licensing districts incurred under this Act as quarter sessions may allow."—(Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas.)

Question, That the Amendment be made—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 7, at the end, to add the words "quarter sessions shall in each year make such returns to the Secretary of State with respect to their own action, and that of the justices of licensing districts, under this Act, as the Secretary of State may require."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question, That the Amendment be made—put, and agreed to.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Alexander Acland) Hoek, 266.
Mr. Fellows, 160.
Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 160.
Mr. William M'Arthur, 160.

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 day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bills of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Telegraph (Construction) 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 Naval Prize Bill [Lords];

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 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant July, That the Post Office Sites 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 Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill [Scotland];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Bristol Second Reading of the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Statements Bills (Companies) (Companies) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill; Ship Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth month Barracks Site) 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 the 7th July; upon the 7th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received 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 resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into further consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred;—Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of June last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of May last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on Anglo-French Convention Expenses;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasuries Powers) 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 Machinery upon the 18th day of March last, That the Rating of Machinery Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 1st day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Medical Officers' (Ireland) Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Superannuation Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Administration Officers (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Administration Authorities Expenses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Authority Expenses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Acts Amendment (Saint Kilda) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Saint Kilda) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill; Marriage Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Street Betting Second Reading of the Street Betting Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 changes in the Regulations affecting the dress and equipment of Officers in the Indian Army since November 1902, showing, where possible, the approximate cost of changes in each rank to the Officers concerned.—(Sir Henry Seymour King.)

Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Sir Cathbert Quilter, and Mr. Goddard were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the County of Suffolk Bill.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 100.]
Tuesday, 12th July 1904.

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 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 To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants 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 Salop (Western or Oswestry Division) Writ.

Dacaster Corporation Bill.

Richard Jaeger's Patent Bill [Lords.]

Mines and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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.

Richard Jaeger's Patent 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Minor and District Mines Drainage Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee; Vol. 159.

Ordered, That the Bill be read into consideration upon Monday next (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Mercu Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Lords Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Califonian Railway Order Confirmation Califonian Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Glasgow and Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Scotch Education Department Provisional Scotch Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) 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 Akers-Douglass presented, by Reformatory His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-seventh Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools, for 1903. Part I., List of Schools and detailed Reports. Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglass also presented, Prison pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of draft Rules proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prisons Acts, 1877 and 1896, with respect to the constitution of the Visiting Committee of Her Majesty.

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

Mr. Wyngham presented, pursuant to the Penal directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation under the Penal Servitude Act, 1891.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His East India Majesty's Command,—Copy of explanatory Accounts and Memorandum of the Secretary of State for India on the Accounts and Estimates for East India, 1904–5.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the Fisheries directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation Act, 1898.
Order made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under the provisions of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, for the variation of the Order creating the North Eastern Sea Fisheries District.

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

Trade Reports (Annual Series)

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3213 to 3215.

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

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords.]

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. Bonar Law.

Electrical Power Undertakings.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the names of Companies or Persons who have obtained Acts conveying powers for the supply of Electric Power to districts, with the names and areas of such districts and the year in which the powers were obtained, and whether such powers have been exercised or not; and, in the former case, what is the state of the works constructed under such powers.—Mr. Gerald Balfour.

Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1877 and 1884.

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 working of the Regulations made in 1886 for carrying out the Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1879 and 1884, with Statistics setting forth the number, nature, result, and cost of the Proceedings instituted by the Director in accordance with those Regulations from the 1st day of January 1903 to the 31st day of December 1905 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 209 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Cockburn.)

Selection (Standing Committees.)—Trade, &c.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committees on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Dr. Macdonnell, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Runecam, Mr. Channing, and Mr. William MacKenzie had been appointed in substitution: Mr. Changy, Mr. O'She, Mr. Lundon, Mr. Joseph Nolan, and Mr. M. Hugh.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection (Standing Committees.)—Trade, &c.

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 Labourers (Ireland) Bill:—Mr. Moore, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. O'Doherty, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Burton, Mr. Joyce, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. Kilbride, Mr. O'Dell, Captain Donelan, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Leneale, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Thomas Corbett, and Mr. O'Neill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Great Western Railway Bill.

Sir Lewis McEer reported from the Committee on the Great Western Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally 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 Lewis McEer reported from the Committee on the Neath, Portmarnock, and Brayhausen Railway Bill [Lords.]; That they had examined the allegations 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 the Lords, one of the Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Education Board Provisional Order (Cardiff) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the City of London (Central Criminal Court House) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Charing Cross, Battersea, and Hampstead Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Southport and Lytham Tramroad (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords.], with no Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Office Improvement Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

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The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented a Bill to the House of Commons for the Amendment of the Act for extending the Life of the Board of Trade and Commerce, and providing for the payment of the Taxes and Duties of the Customs in the Isle of Man; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Howard Vincent, supported by Captain 결제, Six Carne Ranch, Six Ernest Flower, Allan's Bill, Mr. Runecam, Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Herbert Robertson, and Colonel Pelham, presented a Bill to make provision for the repatriation of Criminal Aliens; 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 a Committee on the Licensing Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Provisions as to grant of new licences under the provisions of this section.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, after the word "sessions," to insert the words "and shall include the power to sanction or vary any Order, or to attach to a new licence under the provisions of this section."

(—Mr. Henry Hobhouse.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, after the word "sessions," to insert the words—

"Provided that no new licence shall be granted within their area except to a company or association of persons formed for the purpose of devoting any profits (or any such proportion of profits as may be specified in the resolution) made by such local authority, either in writing or at the hearing of the application, in respect of such application."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, after the last Amendment, to insert the words—

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question, That subsection (2) stand part of the Clause.—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded, in pursuance of the Order of the House, to put the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the allotted Business to be concluded on the third allotted day.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill,—and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Division of area and appointment of committees for purposes of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 23, to leave out the words “may, if they think fit,” in order to insert the word “shall.”—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, (Sir Alexander Acland) 207.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Fellows) 157.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 24, after the word “Act,” to insert the words “which districts shall consist of the licensing districts or licensing divisions in which such area is now divided.”—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, at the end, to insert the words “Provided that the annual value of premises to be taken as for the purpose of the publican’s licence duty within any such district shall in the aggregate be not less than ten thousand pounds.”—(Mr. Nunney.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, (Mr. Guest) 124.

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir Alexander Acland) 234.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Long.)

Question proposed, That the words of subsection (2) to the word “appointed,” in p. 3, l. 28, stand part of the Clause:

Wednesday, 13th July 1904:

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 taking into consideration the Bill for the united Counties of Southwark and Bermondsey.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on 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 on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Commerical and Financial Relations Convention 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 Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Parliamentary Voters and Elections 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 Parliamentary Voters (Registration) 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 Street Betting 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 Roman Catholic Dis-Catholic Temporalities Removal Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Goddard be discharged County of from further attendance on the Select Com-Suffolk Bill; and that Mr. Summers be added to the Committee. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

[No. 101.]

Wednesday, 13th July 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAyERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Skipton Water and 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 House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southill Nether Urban District 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.

Ordered, That the De Trafford Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Iford Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (England and Wales) which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sea Fishery Regulations Act, 1888, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Colonial Majest's Command. — Copy of Colonial Report, Reports No. 420 (Saint Helena, Annual Report for 1903).
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 1903. —(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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill [Lords.]—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee Selection of Standing Committees that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on the following Bills:—(Standing Committees.)

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

Ordered, That the Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Friday next. —(Mr. Agg-Gardner.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. —(Mr. Bonar Law.)

Ordered, That the Colonial Marriages Bill be sent to a Committee on the Licensing Bill. —(Mr. Agg-Gardner.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. —(Mr. Bonar Law.)
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"be substituted for seven as the maximum "number of that committee."—(Mr. Secretary

Akers-Douglas.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, after the word "such," to insert the word "greater."—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

Question proposed, That the word "greater" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, after the second word "of," to insert the word "qualified."—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

Question proposed, That the word "qualified" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words added:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, after the words last added, to add the words—

"No owner, lessee, or occupier of any licensed "premises within any county, and no agent of "such person acting, or who during the five years preceding shall have acted, for him in "any wise in connection with such licensed "promises shall be qualified to act as a justice "within such county for any of the purposes "of this Act."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, after the words last added, to add the words—

"(4) No justice who has taken part in the "decision to report a licence to quarter sessions "shall, if he is on the committee of quarter "sessions, take part in the decision when the "renewal of such licence is under consideration."—(Mr. Cripps.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, after the words last added, to add the words—

"(4) In constituting the committees under "this section every borough in the county "having a separate commission of the peace "shall be represented."—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Rules). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 34, after the word "may," to insert the words "subject to "the consent of Parliament."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

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 Licensing Bill.

(4th allotted Day.)

Clause No. 6 (Rules.) Amendment again proposed, in p. 3, l. 34, after the word "may," to insert the words "s. s 3
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words—
"(2) If the justices of a licensing district refuse to renew an licence on the ground that the holder of the licence has persistently and unreasonably refused to supply suitable and unreasonably refused to supply any spirituous liquor, or on the ground that the holder of the licence has failed to fulfil any reasonable undertaking given to the justices on the grant or previous renewal of the licence, the justices shall be deemed to have refused the licence on the ground that the premises have been ill conducted.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)"

Question, That the Amendment be made, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 49, after the word "having," to insert the words "a separate commission of the peace and—" (Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words "But where quarter sessions have customarily been held separately by adjournment for the whole county, constitute for the purposes of this Act any part of the county for which quarter sessions are for the time being so separately held a separate county, and the justices usually sitting at such separate quarter sessions a separate quarter sessions, and make all necessary provisions for the administration of the Act in such a case."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 6, after the word "accordingly," to insert the words "means an licence on force at the date of the passing of this Act, and includes a licence granted by way of renewal from time to time of a licence so in force, whether such licence continues to be held by the same person, or has been or may be transferred to any other person or persons.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)"

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill. The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 14th July 1904:

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes : 265.]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Slack : 175.]

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes : 259.]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone : 164.]

Clause No. 9 (Short Title and construction), Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Fellowes : 289.]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. McKenna : 118.]

Schedule. Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 24, at the end, to add the words "and in the case of any licensed premises which arefalling by the
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Govan Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Provincial Orders) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbours Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill [Lords.] upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Verbal Amendments.

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

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Return relative to Public Revenue (Interception).

Mr. Victor Cavendish 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 Pacific Cable Act, 1901, and of the money received, expended, and borrowed, and securities created under the said Act to the 31st March 1904; together with a Copy of the Report of the Chairman of the Pacific Cable Board.

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

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3216 to 3219.

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

His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Verbal Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 Tynemouth 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill [Lords.] upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Govan Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Provincial Orders) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbours Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Mr. Secretary Lyttelton, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relative to the Laws and Regulations in force in the Colonies under Responsible Government respecting the admission of Immigrants.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of this House, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of draft additional Rule and Order in Divorce and Matrimonial Causes made under the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1867.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, in respect of the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1904, the distribution of the proceeds of the Local Taxation Account in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 353 of Session 1903).—[Mr. Grant Lawson.]

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection:—That they had selected the following Members to serve on unopposed Bill Committees under Standing Order 109:—Mr. Crombie.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the House, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the House, be printed.

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill: That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

(4th allotted Day.)

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, this evening, again resume itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Robson)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Lawrence, ] 52.

Tellers for the [Mr. Houston, ] 154.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon this day this month.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:

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 7th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);—

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report. Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Butter Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Committee on the Irish Land Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords]; (1882)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Amendment Bill [Lords] upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Lands Second Reading of the Crown 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Naval Prize Bill [Lords]; 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 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marrriages) 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 Prisons (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 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 Lunacy 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 Sea 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 False Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; 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 Naval and Military Medals 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 Naval and Military Works 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 Alkali, &c. Works 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 Authorities (Treasuries Powers) 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 Local Authorities (Treasuries Powers) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drunkenness (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 Drunkenness (No. 2) 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic 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 Bills of Exchange 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 Foreign 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 Weights and Measures (Metric System) 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 Mortgage of Premises Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Wild Birds Protection Acts Amendment (Saint Kilda) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fake Characters 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 Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) 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 Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Parliamentary Voters (Registration) 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 Street Betting 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Sir Michael Foster be added to the Committee on Registration of Nurses; and that Dr. Hutchinson be added to the Committee.—

Mr. Herbert Gladstone.

And then the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Indian Army (Uniforms) No. 266.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 11th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Indian Army (Uniforms).

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Valuation (No. 2) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Port of London Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Education (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, 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 Education (Local Authority Default) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “this House declines to pass any measure to extend the powers of the Board of Education under the Education Acts of 1902 and 1903 until the Government is prepared to introduce a Bill to amend the said Acts by abolishing all religious tests on teachers, and placing all elementary schools supported by public funds under complete popular control”—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan),—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 Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business;

Whereupon Sir William Anson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir Alexander Acland—Hood, Mr. Fellowes) 233.

Tellers for the (Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Noes, Mr. Gladstone) 102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Canal Rates and Charges (Regents' Canal) Order 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 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, 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 (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, be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment) Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Lord Tredgold's Supplemental Estate Bill (Lords); That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by altering the recitals relating to the Alexander (Newport and South Wales) Dock and Railway Bill as to agree with that Bill as amended in Committee, and by making some verbal alterations, and found the same, as amended, to
be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therein.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means informed the House that the Committee on Group M of Private Bills not being appointed to meet until Tuesday the 19th July, the parties promoting the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill [Lords] had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Dr. John, William, Medical Officer of Health for the Northumberland County Council, Newcastle, was essential to their case; and that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Dr. John William Hennburgh do attend the Committee on Group M of Private Bills upon Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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 Hall-marking of Foreign Plate Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Thomas Urban District Council Water 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 Richard Jaeger's Patent 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 Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Birkenhead (Extension), Bishop Auckland (Amendment), Biddulphfield (Extension to Giltar), Bute (Menteith, Extensions), Moffatford—Sea, Newquay, Penzance, Ramsey, Sunderland Districts, and Tavistock; 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 Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Vol. 159).

Private Bills (Group M)

Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill [Lords]

Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords]

Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]

Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords]

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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 Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Caledonian 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 Glasgow and South Western Railway 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to Gas Orders an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to Imperial an Order, dated the 21st day of March last, Revenue Collection for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue and Expenditure (Great Britain and Ireland) (No. 5) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports, Reports, Annual Series, No. 3290. Commission, and Colonial, Ten to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of Messrs. Parish and Hinton, both of 6, Lawrence Powsall, in the City of London, Solicitors for the Erith Urban District Council, was presented, and read; setting forth that proceedings are before the Erith Urban District Council, Plaintiffs, to produce before the said Court, at the hearing of such proceedings, the Plans and Book of Reference, entitled the South Eastern Railway, Greenwich, Railway to Childeston, with branches to Shoerness, &c., which were left and deposited at the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons in November 1845, and relate to the Companies in connexion with such plans and proceedings, and to give such further evidence as may be necessary, on behalf of the said Plaintiffs, to produce before the said Court. To the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Com- Office to attend accordingly.

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Com-
the Orders therein contained; that the Provisional Order relating to Stroud, Nailsworth, and Dursley ought not to be confirmed; that the other Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. App-Gardner further reported from the Committee; That they had amended the Title, as follows—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders granted by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Caerphilly, Epsom Rural District, Cheltenham, Mangold Woodhouse, North Worcester (Bromsgrove Urban), and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Lord Stanley, supported by Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster, Mr. Gerald Belfour, and Mr. Petoymen, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of Wireless Telegraphy: 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 a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Duties on certain kinds of tobacco).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, to leave out the word "pound" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. M'Kenna.)

Question put, That the words "and the duties " payable under the same section on" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]:
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes]: 223.
Noe, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone]: 173.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out the words "three pence," in order to insert the words "three halfpence."—(Mr. M'Kenna.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]:
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes]: 228.
Noe, [Mr. William M'Arthur]: 166.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, at the end, to add the words—

"(2) A rebate at the rate of three halfpence " for every pound of tobacco shall be allowed "on any increased duty under this Act paid on " or after the nineteenth day of July nineteen hundred and four, in respect of any stripped " tobacco which is shown to the satisfaction of " the Commissioners of Customs to have been " deposited in a bonded warehouse before the " twentieth day of April nineteen hundred and " four."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

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 Orders 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, proceeded to consider the Motion of the Committee on the Mines Drainage Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compensation to owners and occupiers of mills on the Nythgwyl Stream).—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.)

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. Herbert Robertson]: 169.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Morley]: 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Clause. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Clause, as amended, be added to the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Robertson]: 179.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Abrahall]: 138.

Tellers for the [Rhondda]: 1.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the word "halfpence" in order to insert the word "pence."—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question put, That the word "halfpence" stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland]:
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes]: 184.
Noe, [Mr. Runciman]: 152.

Amendment amended, by inserting, after the word "before," the words "or on the high " seas consigned to a port of the United " Kingdom on."—(Mr. Runciman.)
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 Married Women's Property Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Sites Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenants Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resolving Aliens the Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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 Dogs 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 3rd day of May last, That the Provisionsal Order (Marriages) 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 Marine Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Uniform (Customs) Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report of the Committee on Aliens [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Sites Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph (Construction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 3rd day of June last, That the Penal

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements 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 Post Office Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill. 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constabulary (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 Charitable Loan Societies (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 Judicature and Development Grant (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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment 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 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 the Second Reading of the Lanesey 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 Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) (recommitted) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee. Vol. 159.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shop Hours Bill into consideration the Shop Hours 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 Anglo-French Convention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consul Committee on Charcoal Agreement [Money]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on Anglo French Convention [Expenses]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasuries Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the University of the Irish Land Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day. U U
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 Friday 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of 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.:

Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancashire and Yorkshire 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 Thirles 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 Scarisbrick Estate (Amendment) 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 Gas 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 Electric Lighting (Provisional) Bill.

The Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, as amended in Orders (No. 7) Bill, the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill Gas and Water Orders Confirmation 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.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of Concessions in the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates (in continuation of Africa No. 7, 1903), Copy of Memorandum on the State of the African Protectorates administered under the (No. 10, 1904) Foreign Office.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 3221 to 3224.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Board of Education, Command,—Copy of Regulations for Evening Schools, Technical Institutions, and Schools of Art and Art Classes, from 1st August 1904 to 31st July 1905.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Land Law Command,—Copy of Return under Section 7 of (Ireland) Act, the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Sixteenth number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the quarter ended on the 30th June 1904.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Pretzman presented, by His Majesty's Navy Command,—Copy of list of exceptions to the (Exemptions to King's Regulations) Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council dated 19th December 1881, during the year 1903-4.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Tramways Order, dated the 18th day of this instant July; Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords], for a Return relative to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Wireless a Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the Wireless Telegraphy Bill.—(Lord Stanley.)

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Lord Stanley accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total value, and the value per head of the population, of the exports of the following Agricultural Produce, viz. (1) principal descriptions of grain; (2) principal descriptions of meat and live stock; (3) dairy products; (4) eggs; (5) potatoes, from the following Countries, viz., United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Russia, Denmark, in the years 1890, 1895, 1900, and 1905. (Mr. Cremer.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Coghlan, Mr. Curran, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Wolff; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Raynham, Mr. A. James, Mr. Downey, Mr. Condon, Mr. Farrell, and Sir James Haslett.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Greatisson reported from the Select Committee on the Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation Bill; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

1. Apart from any questions of the indirect effect upon the trade in meat of the present law and practice with regard to the seizure and condemnation of carcasses of animals on account of tuberculosis, your Committee do not think that serious pecuniary loss is inflicted at present by such seizure and condemnation upon butchers who deal in high-class meat, the vast majority of carcasses seized being those of old dairy cows. The loss in respect of such cows is considerable, but the butcher who deals in high-class meat, which was stated by several witnesses to be less liable to condemnation than the meat of home-bred animals.

2. Your Committee have received evidence that serious loss from seizures falls upon butchers slaughtering home-bred animals. Several witnesses have complained that the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis, that "the presence of tubercular deposit in any degree should involve seizure of the whole carcass" of a pig, is too stringent, especially in view of the fact that the detection of tubercles in imported pigs is rendered exceedingly difficult by their importation without their heads and neck-glands.

3. Your Committee have considered the question whether butchers can meet the risk of seizure by insurance at reasonable rates, and have had their attention drawn, both by witnesses called before them and by reference to the evidence given before the Royal Commission, to systems of mutual insurance against this risk existing in various towns and in certain auction marts.

It appears to your Committee that the difficulty which stands in the way of the general adoption of a system of mutual insurance is the variety of practice which at present exists with regard to the evidence given before the Royal Commission, to systems of mutual insurance against this risk existing in various towns and in certain auction marts.

4. Your Committee fear that if the butchers were relieved from the whole of the loss arising from seizures the caution exercised by them in purchasing animals for slaughter might be relaxed, but they do not think that it would be unreasonable to provide that, subject to certain conditions, a proportion of the loss should fall upon the public, and they recommend that that proportion should be fixed at one-half.

5. The conditions upon which such assistance from public funds should be granted appear to your Committee to be—

That the butcher claiming assistance should prove to the satisfaction of a court of summary jurisdiction (1) that he bought the animal for slaughter in good faith, as a sound animal fit for human food; (2) that at the time of purchase it exhibited no visible signs of tuberculosis; (3) that the price he paid for it was a fair market price for an animal of its class and weight free from tuberculosis; and (4) that he gave notice to the local authority at the earliest time reasonably possible after he became aware of the fact that he had upon his premises a carcass affected with tuberculosis.

Your Committee do not recommend that this assistance should be given in the case of animals or meat imported into the United Kingdom.

6. The butchers who gave evidence complained more of the injury to members of their trade caused by prosecution in open court for having tuberculous meat upon their premises than of the direct pecuniary loss caused by seizures of such meat.

It appears to your Committee that if a butcher, being in possession of such meat, has notified the fact to the proper authority as soon as he could be reasonably expected to be aware of it, the case should not be taken into court. This appears to be the rule in many places, but not universally throughout the United Kingdom.

If such uniformity were enforced butchers would be able to insure themselves from loss by seizure on account of tuberculosis, at reasonable rates, in the case of animals presenting a healthy appearance before slaughter, and for which a fair price for the purpose of human food had been given.

3. Your Committee, however, do not think that the case of the butcher would be entirely met by provisions facilitating mutual, or other, insurance.

In the present condition of scientific knowledge upon the subject, it is impossible to lay down any regulations for the partial or total condemnation of carcasses on account of tuberculosis which may not involve the destruction of some meat which might have been used with impunity for human food. In such cases the caution which may be rightly used in the interests of the community inflicts on the butcher unnecessary loss.

It has also been urged upon your Committee that the fact that the butcher bears at present the whole of the risk of seizure is a strong temptation to a butcher to attempt to conceal the fact that he has upon his premises meat of the complete freedom of which from tuberculosis he may himself be doubtless.

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If aid from public funds is given upon the suggested conditions, the butcher upon whose premises tuberculous meat has been seized should have, in all cases, the opportunity of proving in open court, in substantiating his claim for assistance, that he acted throughout in good faith, had no reason to suspect that he was bringing a tuberculous animal into his premises, and made no attempt to conceal the fact of its presence there as soon as it came to his knowledge.

7. Your Committee have also considered the question of the fund from which the limited assistance they suggest should be drawn. It is manifestly unfair to the ratcatchers of the great collecting and distributing centres that they should bear this burden.

If the charge is to be made upon local funds, it would appear to be mere just that it should be imposed upon the locality in which the animal contracted or developed tuberculosis. Your Committee, however, think that the difficulty of tracing each animal in respect to which a claim is made to such locality makes the adoption of this method of distribution of the charge practically impossible.

For these reasons your Committee recommend that such assistance to butchers as they suggest should be provided by the Imperial Exchequer.

Mr. Grant Lyon reported further from the Select Committee on the Tuberculous (Animals) Compensation Bill; That they had agreed to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Stuart Wortley reported from the Select Committee on the County of Suffolk 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 directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommenced to a Committee of the whole House, for Tomorrow.

Railway Bills (Group 9.)

Sir Edward Strachey reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A.) Lords Corporation (Consolidation) 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Greenock Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Greenock Corporation (Tramways, &c.); to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation (Greenock) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

The Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Glasgow Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Sunday Trading (Scotland) Sunday Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Lloyd-George, Member for Carnarvon Boroughs, District, 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 conduct of Major-Lord General Lord Dundonald, late Commander of the Militia in Canada, in taking part, whilst still an Officer in the British Army, in political agitation against His Majesty’s Government in the Dominion of Canada:—but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:—

—The Motion stood over, under Standing Orders.

The Committee divided.

Clause No. 4 (Continuance of additional Customs duty and drawbacks on tobacco, beer, and spirits).

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Asland— Yeas, [Mr. Fellowes— 188.

Mr. Trefry— 129.

Mr. Scott—

Clause No. 5 (Continuance of additional Excise duties and drawbacks on beer and spirits).

An Amendment made.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Asland— Yeas, [Mr. Fellowes— 217.

Mr. McKenna— 141.

Mr. Flynn—
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Clause No. 6 (Income tax for 1904—5).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, after the words "income tax," to insert the words "at the graduated rates hereinafter mentioned."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis.]
Yea, [Mr. Trenorvych. 165.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Noe, [Mr. Fellowes. 234.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Lambert.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; the Ayes had it, Three Members who supported and who challenged it; and, on his decision being challenged, it was put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Belfast Corporation (Tramways) Bill {Lords.}

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, asking the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Timothy M'Henry.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Speaker alleged that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places; and he declared the Ayes had it, Three Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (Income tax for 1904—5).
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the words "one shilling" in order to insert the words "eleven pence."—(Mr. Lambert.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Wednesday, 20th July 1904:

Question put.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes. 209.
Tellers for the [Mr. Lambert.]
Noe, [Mr. Soares. 101.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, after the words "one shilling," to insert the words "provided always that all incomes under Vol. 159.

"Schedule D derived from trades and professions, and not derived from investments, shall be subject to a rebate of four pence per pound."—(Mr. M'Crae.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. M'Kenna.)

Question proposed. That subsection (2) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. M'Kenna.)

Question proposed. That subsection (3) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, after the word "year," to insert the words "Provided that the Commissioners of Inland Revenue may direct revaluation where existing "valuations are incorrect."—(Mr. M'Kenna.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. M'Kenna.]
Yea, [Mr. Runciman. 80.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Noe, [Mr. Fellowes. 171.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone.]
Yea, [Mr. William M'Arthur. 75.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Noe, [Mr. Fellowes. 168.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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—]
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes. 167.
Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur.]
Noe, [Mr. Fellowes. 74.

Question put accordingly.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes. 166.
Tellers for the [Mr. Lough.]
Noe, [Mr. Runciman. 70.

Clause No. 7 (Payment out of Unclaimed Dividends Account).
Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 25, to leave out the words from the word "shall" to the word "out," in l. 26, in order to insert the word "pay."—(Mr. M'Crae.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]
Yea, [Mr. Fellowes. 158.
Tellers for the [Mr. Churchill.]
Noe, [Mr. Emmott. 65.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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. (Consent to S.O. Closure of Debate.)
19th—20th July. 1904. [No. 105.]

A Clause (Amendment of section two of Finance Act, 1901)—(Mr. Loug)—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. George Whiteley ; 66.

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland— Hood ; 150.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone ; 112.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 195.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Original Question again proposed—Debate arising:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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 ; 173.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 129.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 117.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Tellers for the [Mr. Russell Rea ; 66.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 173.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Wilson, Durham)—Debate arising;

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 [Mr. Alexander Acland—Hood ; 154.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Allen : 64.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Allen : 154.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Wilson, Durham)—Debate arising;

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 [Mr. Alexander Acland—Hood ; 154.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Wilson (Durham) ; 65.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fenwick ; 115.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fenwick ; 155.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fenwick ; 115.

A Clause (Amendment of section two of Finance Act, 1901)—(Mr. Loug)—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. Loug ; 66.

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland—Hood ; 150.

Tellers for the [Mr. George Whiteley ; 66.

Another Clause (Reduction of coal duty)—(Mr. John Wilson, Durham)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone ; 112.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 195.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone ; 117.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 117.

Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur ; 65.

Tellers for the [Mr. Russell Rea ; 66.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Henry Campbell-Bannerman):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Charge on delivery of tea from warehouse)—(Mr. Loug)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

A Clause (Amendment of 39 & 40 Vict. c. 35) added.

Another Clause (Amount of permanent annual charge for National Debt)—(Mr. Buxton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exemption in case of unregistered friendly societies) added.

Another Clause (Exemption from duty of alcohol used for motive power)—(Mr. Scott Montagu)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule amended, and 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.
to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph (Construction) (Construction) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the University of Liverpool Bill; Liverpool Bill. Resolved, That this House, will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Committee on the Drunkenness (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Repeal of the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

And it being after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes before Four of the clock in the afternoon, till To-morrow.

[No. 106.]
Thursday, 21st July 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Bournemouth Corporation (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 Ebihale Vale Urban District 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.

Verbal Amendments were made to the Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad 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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Holywood 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.

A Motion being made, That the Metropolitan District Railway Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;
Sir Charles Dilke, 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lothians Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For protection of the county councils and other bodies) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
And an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Alesandria into consideration the Alexandria (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Order Aberdeen Confirmation Bill [Lords], was, according to Joint Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House Bill (Lords) hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Dunbartonshire (Vale of Leven) Water Dumbartonshire Order Confirmation Bill [Lords], was, according to Joint Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House Bill (Lords) hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Electric Lighting Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time of Bill, upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Government Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Harbour of Courtown, in the County of Order (No. 8) Wexford; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly locally presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Harbour of Courtown in the Order (No. 8) County of Wexford.
Ordered, That Standing Order 193 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.
—(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)
The Bill was accordingly 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 Arnold-Forster presented, by Army, His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement showing the extensions of Service, since 1st April 1904, of men enlisted for three years with the Colours (rank and file only) to seven and eight years respectively.
Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1904, of Pensions specially granted under Articles 730, 1173, and 1257 of the Army Pay Warrant.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by His Majesty's Census of England and Wales, 1901, with Appendices.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Lord Stanley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Amendment (No. 10) Warrant, 1894, dated 22nd June 1894.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the President of Queen's College, Cork, for the Session 1903–4, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3225 to 3227.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the Order of the House, to which the said Paper was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Agg-Gardner reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill; that they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to lay the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply. [18th allotted Day.]
Supplies, and which Resolutions were then deferred;
Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 30th Day of June last;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th Day of April last (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th May last (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th May last (Evening Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th June last;
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 Bishopric of Bristol 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 Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark, Birmingham, and Birmingham [not amended in the Standing Committee];
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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval and Military Medals Bill [Lords];

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 1st day of June last, That the Indian Councils 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 Justice of the Peace Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Local Authority) Default 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 1st day of this instant July, That the Post Office Sites 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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Licensing 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of March last, That the Prorogation Order (Marriages) 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 Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Telegraph (Construction) 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];

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 Order be read, for the Electric Lighting (London) Bill (recommenced) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Census Committee on Census Agreement (Money);

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on the Anglo-French Convention (Expenses);

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Alkali, &c. Works Bill; for Works Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Ports, Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Second Reading of theSeamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Property Act (1888) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Naval Prize Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order be read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (Scotland) Bill; [Scotland] Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order be 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 Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (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 Judicature and Development Grant (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 Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment 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 Local Authorities (Treasurer Powers) 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 Bills of Exchange 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 Criminal Aliens Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Canal Traffic Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Exchange Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time [Lords] upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mortgage of Premises Second Reading of the Mortgage of Premises Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill, upon Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
No. 107.] 4 Edw. VII. 22nd July.

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, in the case of the following Bills, now pending in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.,—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill [Lords].

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill [Lords].

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords].

Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the North Wales Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, ordered the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pier, Docks, and Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill [Lords], be read the third time.

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 Neveburgh and North Fife Railway:—and the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring in, the Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Neveburgh and North Fife Railway: 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.


Copy of seven Orders in Council under the Statute made by the Governing Body of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, 1877 (Oxford), for the year 1903, and the expected date of completion.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Pretyman presented, by His Majesty's Naval Works Command,—Copy of Statement showing the total estimated cost of each Naval Works and estimated expenditure thereon during 1903-4 and 1904-5, and the expected date of completion. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return as to the estimate expenditure thereon during 1903-4 and 1904-5, and the expected date of completion. 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 estimated cost of each Naval Works and the length open for the public conveyance of passengers down to the 31st day of December 1903 in respect of Local Authorities; the gross receipts, working expenditure, net receipts, and application of net receipts; the number of passengers conveyed, quantity of electrical energy used, and the number of miles run by cars during the year ended on the foregoing dates respectively; together with the number of horses, engines, and cars at those dates (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 284 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

A Message was delivered by Thomas Dacre Royal Assent. 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 x x 3
had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Hall-marking of Foreign Plate Act, 1904.
2. Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Swansea) Act, 1904.
4. Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Birmingham) Act, 1904.
5. Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Cardiff) Act, 1904.
6. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1904.
7. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1904.
8. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1904.
9. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1904.
10. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1904.
11. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1904.
12. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 14) Act, 1904.
13. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 15) Act, 1904.
14. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Gas) Act, 1904.
15. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
16. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1904.
17. Commons Regulation (Merrow) Provisional Order Act, 1904.
19. Land Drainage Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
21. Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1904.
22. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1904.
23. Canal Rates and Charges (Regent's Canal) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
24. Motherwell and Bellshill Railway (Abandonment) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
25. North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
27. Leith Burgh Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
29. Wisbech Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
30. Leith Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
32. Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
33. Glasgow and South Western Railway Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
34. Dunbeg Railway Act, 1904.
35. Mulrany, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Act, 1904.
36. South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway (Extension of Time) Act, 1904.
37. Resthill Water and Gas Act, 1904.
38. Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Act, 1904.
40. Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Power Act, 1904.
41. Manchester Ship Canal (Finance) Act, 1904.
42. Preston Corporation Water Act, 1904.
43. Shipley Urban District Council Act, 1904.
44. Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Electric Power Act, 1904.
45. Great Northern Railway Act, 1904.
46. Midlothian and District Gas Act, 1904.
47. Tobermory and District Water and Gas Act, 1904.
49. Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Act, 1904.
51. Great Central and Midland Railway Companies Act, 1904.
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74. Tynemouth Corporation Act, 1904.
75. Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Act, 1904.
76. North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Act, 1904.
77. Charing Croos, Easton, and Hampstead Railway Act, 1904.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Finance Bill, and took it into consideration. The Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of coal duty).—(Mr. Joseph Walton.)

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. Herbert Gladstone] 142.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 197.

Mr. Fellows:

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Five o'clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, further proceeding on consideration, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of May last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Telegraph (Construction) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Construction) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Land Tax Commissions' Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Site for Duke of York's School Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York's School Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Electric Lighting (London) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Anglo-French Convention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cunard Agreement [Money].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Post Office Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 County of Suffolk, it was a Committee Bill (recommitted) Bill [not amended].

(In the Committee).

Clauses No. 1 to No. 28, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; Marriage Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Act Second Reading of the Medical Act (1888) (1888) Amendment 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; Aliens Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Gas Orders from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Provisional 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 Scotch from the Committee on the Scotch Education Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed bill (Edinburgh).
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
the
King's College Hospital Bill [Lords]; and
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Manchester Ship
Canal 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
thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported
from the Committee on the Leeds Corporation
Tramways and Tramroads (recommenced) Bill [Lords];
That they had examined the allegations contained
in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbal
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 Strachey reported from the
Committee on the Tyneside Tramways and
Tramroads 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 reconsidered 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.

And then the House, having continued to
sitting seventeen minutes before Six of the
clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Ordered, That the Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords] be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the North Wales Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) 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 Newburgh and North Fife Railway (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Water Orders Confirmation 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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

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 Kirkcaldy Corporation: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray 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 Kirkcaldy Corporation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ (North Eastern Division) for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lanark (North Eastern Division), in the room of Sir William Henry Rattigan, Knight, deceased.—(Sir Alexander Astland-Hood.)

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 Return showing the population, valuation, the average assessment levied under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, for the three years 1900-1 to 1902-3 in each parish, and the total raised from each local government district; together with calculations showing the amounts which would be raised from each parish if the total assessment so raised from each local government district were imposed as a district rate payable on the basis of (1) valuation alone, and (2) half on valuation and half on population, and calculations showing the amount which would be raised from each parish if the charge in respect of interest on and repayment of loans were borne by the respective parishes instead of the district as a whole.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of June last, for a (Medical and Dental) Return relative to Companies (Medical and Dental).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to Writ to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—No. 276. Copy of Abstract of Returns relating to Pilots and Pilotage in the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 33 of Session 1904), as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Review of Progress of Education in India, 1897-9 to 1901-2. Vol. I., Fourth Quinquennial Review. Vol. II., Maps and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3228 to 3235.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Miscellaneous Series, No. 617.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee (Section A); That in the case of the Bridlington Corporation Bill [Lords] they had retained the alteration 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.

Sir Charles Dairymple reported from the Public Petitions Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of June
last, and the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th days of this instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ayrshire Corporation Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Melrose District Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Railways (Private Siding) Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Rugby, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London United Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Ayrshire Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amenities made by this House to the Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ebbw Vale Urban District Water Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harrogate Waterworks Tramroad Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 2nd day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Barron, supported by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. Conolly, Mr. Dunson, Mr. Heckett, Sir Albert Ballit, Mr. Trevelyan, and Mr. Whitley, presented a Bill to extend the privileges of the Graduates of the University of Leeds; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Finance Bill, and took into further consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amount of permanent annual charge for National Debt).—(Mr. Edmund Robert.)

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. Herbert Gladstone, 136.
S. W. M'Arthur.]—Mr. William M'Arthur.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland, 223.
Hood, Mr. Fellowes.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Relief from income tax on insurances with colonial companies) — (Sir Seymour King)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption from duty of alcohol used for motive power).—(Mr. Charles Hobhouse.)

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;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put (pursuant to the Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.)

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland, 225.
Hood, Mr. Fellowes.]—Mr. Charles Hobhouse.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Hobhouse, 134.
Miss Pfitsch.]—Mr. Pfitsch.

So it was resolved in the Negative.
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The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Hobhouse, 128.
Year;
Mr. Jeffreys; 197.
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland- 
Hood; 219.
Noes; 
Mr. Fellowes:
So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, further proceeding on consideration, as amended, stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Abolition of sugar duty).—(Mr. Channing.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time. And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 124.
Year; 
Mr. William M'Arthur; 
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland- 
Hood; 201.
Noes; 
Mr. Fellowes:
So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 16, by leaving out the words "in lieu of."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words be left out stand part of the Bill—and a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; Tuesday, 26th July 1904:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, being of opinion that the House was about to come to a decision without Motion;—then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland- 
Hood; 191.
Year; 
Mr. Fellowes; 
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis; 
Noes; 
Mr. Shackleton;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by leaving out the words "or Ireland."—(Mr. Swift MacNeill.)

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- 
Hood; 170.
Year; 
Mr. Fellowes; 
Tellers for the [Mr. Swift MacNeill; 
Noes; 
Mr. Plurin;
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 21, by leaving out the words "one shilling" and inserting the words "eleven pence."—(Mr. Herbert Samuel),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "one shilling" stand part of the Bill—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "shilling," the words "provided always, that all incomes under Schedule D "derived from trades and professions, and not "derived from investments, shall be subject "to a rebate of four pence per pound."—(Dr. Mowmamar.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "society," the words "or limited "liability companies."—(Mr. Lough.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Licensing Bill, into consideration the Licensing 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 Sale of Beer Bill; Second Reading of the Sale of Beer Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Valuation Bill; Second Reading of the Valuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Compounded Estates (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements (Companies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Ships Bill; Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens (Expenses);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Penal Servitude Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of June last, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) 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 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 the Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (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 28th 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 12th day of May 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 12th day of May last (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 16th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Naval and Military Medals Bill [Lords];

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 1st day of June last, That the Indian Councils 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Post Office Sites 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 Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Committee on the Irish Land Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justice and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wireless Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Site for Duke of York's School Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Electric Lighting (London) recommitted Bill.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Lawton 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.

Anglo-French Convention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Cunard Agreement (Money.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Anglo-French Convention (Expenses.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Post Office Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Crown Lands Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the County of Suffolk Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Weights and Measures Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Weights and Measures Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, That the House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Drunkenness (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Drunkenness (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Valuation (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of August next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill; Marriage Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Children Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords] 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 Street Betting Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens Bill; Aliens Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And it being a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Tuesday, 26th July 1904.

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.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) docks and 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.

A Motion being made, That the Portmadoc, Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and South Snowdon Railway Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Sir Charles Dilke, 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.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Belfast and North-East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Doubtful, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways Order Confirmation 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisonal Orders (No. 1) 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) 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 their Lordships.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of March last, for a Return relative to Sugar Duties.

Public Petitions, Vote Supplement to the Tenth Report. Sugar Duties.

Public Income and Expenditure, No. 277. Superannuation Act, 1884.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minutes under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 21st July 1804, declaring that William Callow, Ganger, Royal Laboratory, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the head of his Department.

Account showing the Receipts and Payments Land Registry, in respect of the Land Registry for the year No. 278, ended 31st March 1904.

Account, prepared in pursuance of the Supreme High Court of Justice Act, 1875, showing the Justice and Court of Appeal, as well as the Court of King's Bench, and the Land Registry, for the year ended 31st March 1904.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Public Income and Expenditure, Land Registry, and the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal, &c. be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by his Majesty's letter, an Order, dated the 9th day of July 1904, with a Bill for the establishment of a new administrative county and county borough in England and Wales, for the year 1904; with a General Report thereon, and Summary Tables for a series of years.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas presented, by Historical Manuscripts, the Papers belonging to His Majesty the King, preserved at Windsor Castle, Vol. II.

Copy of Report on the Manuscripts of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, preserved at Alloa House, N.B.

Copy of Fifty-ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of Charitable Donations and Requests for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Asus presented,—Return to an Technical Order, dated the 4th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Application of Funds by the 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 1899-1903, under the following Acts—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Technical Instruction Acts, 1899 and 1901; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1899; and Public Libraries and Museums Acts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 27 Reports (Msw. Selections from Colonial Medical Reports for the last fifteen years, from 1889 to 1903.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each Kingdom for the fifteen last years, from 1889 to 1903. [Fifty-first Number.]

Copy of Return as to the Capital, Traffic Railway Receipts, and Working Expenditure, &c. of the Return Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the year 1901; with a General Report thereon, and Summary Tables for a series of years.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount received in respect of each administrative county and county borough in England and Wales for the year 1904-5. Licence Duties and Penalties under the Local Government Act, 1888, in the year ended the 31st December 1903.
Mr. Tennant reported from the Select Com. Report of the Registration of Nurses. That the said Committee had taken some evidence on the matters to which they were referred, and directed him to report the same to the House, together with an Appendix, and with a recommendation that a Committee be appointed in the next Session of Parliament to continue the inquiry.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainting the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Savings Banks Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to Acts which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Barnett District Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Thames River Steamboat Service Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Stroud, Strouds, Ruphe, and Cowbridge Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Surrey Commercial Dock Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Torquay Tramways Bill, 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 Bournemouth Corporation (Tramways) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Licensing Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision as to the disqualifications of justices).—(Sir James Ferguson.)

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; and the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Duration of Act).—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

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 Yeas—Mr. Lloyd-George, 133; Mr. Whitaker.

Tellers for the Noes—Sir Alexander Acland: 220; Mr. Fehlows.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Seven-years licences).—(Mr. Lawson Walton.)

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.

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Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision as to disqualification of justices)—(Mr. Worthing-Taylor.)

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 Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by leaving out Clause 1.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 1 to the word "on," in l. 5, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Mr. Fellows;] 232.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Whitby;] 140.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "licence," the words "or a licence for the sale of beer not to be consumed on the premises."—(Mr. Grosvenor.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "licences," the words "or other licences, than a licence the holder of which is subject to conditions requiring him to purchase the commodities or goods which he sells or uses from any particular person, firm, or company."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—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 Licensing Bill on consideration, as amended;

Which Amendment was, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "licence," to insert the words "other than a licence the holder of which is subject to conditions requiring him to purchase the commodities or goods which he sells or uses from any particular person, firm, or company."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis):

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted.—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,

[Mr. Herbert Gladstone;] 110.

[Mr. William M'Arthur;] 103.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood;] 199.

So it passed 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. 5, by leaving out the words "on a" to the word "shall," in l. 10, and inserting the words "the sole ground that the licence premises are not required in the public interest"—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

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 Yeas,

[Sir Alexander Acland-Hood;] 217.

[Mr. Fellows;] 229.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Herbert Roberts;] 135.

[Mr. Ellis Griffiths;] 160.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 24, by leaving out the word "thereon," and inserting the words "any circumstances affecting the renewal or the value of the licence which they consider material."—(Mr. Henry Hobhouse),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "thereon" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood;] 229.

[Mr. Fellows;] 160.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Henry Hobhouse;] 140.

[Mr. Cripps;] 122.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "appeal," the words "to the High Court."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the words "appeal," 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-Hood;] 228.

[Mr. Fellows;] 149.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Herbert Samuel;] 160.

[Mr. Toulmin;] 198.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 6, by leaving out the words "this Act had not passed," and inserting the words "the licence were subject to the same conditions of renewal as were applicable immediately before the passing of the Act."—(Mr. Solicitor General),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "appeal," the words "appeal to the High Court."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

[Sir Alexander Acland-Hood;] 228.

[Mr. Fellows;] 149.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. Herbert Samuel;] 160.

[Mr. Toulmin;] 198.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by leaving out the words "having regard," and inserting the words "provided that"—(Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "holder," the words "regard shall be had."—(Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by inserting, after the second word "license," the words "if a tenant."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The Yeas were:

Tellers for the Yeas—

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 226.
Mr. Fellowes, 147.

Noes were:

Tellers for the Noes—

Mr. Stuckey, 147.
Mr. Whitley, 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 25, by inserting, at the end, the words, "If on the division of the amount to be paid as compensation any question arises which quarter sessions consider should be referred to the determination of a court, they may refer that question to the county court in accordance with rules of court to be made for the purpose."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Disraeli.)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 26, by leaving out the words "purpose of providing compensation under," and inserting the words "purposes of."—(Mr. Solicitor General), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Fourteenth and subsequent paragraphs to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "holder," the words "regard shall be had."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The Yeas were:

Tellers for the Yeas—

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 226.
Mr. Fellowes, 147.

Noes were:

Tellers for the Noes—

Mr. Stuckey, 147.
Mr. Whitley, 126.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 25, by inserting, at the end, the words, "If on the division of the amount to be paid as compensation any question arises which quarter sessions consider should be referred to the determination of a court, they may refer that question to the county court in accordance with rules of court to be made for the purpose."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Disraeli.)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 26, by leaving out the words from the word "of" to the end of subsection (1) of Clause 4, and inserting the words "confirming a new licence, and of ascertaining to the conditions, if any, upon which such licence is granted, shall be exercised by quarter sessions after consultation with the justices of the licensing district where such licence is granted."—(Mr. Disraeli), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "new," in p. 3, l. 27, stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 27th July 1894:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bills of Exchange Act (Scotland) Bill, and the Bills of Exchange Acts (1882) Amendment Bill, and Bills, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justice of the Peace Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

Ordered, That the House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (Scotland) Bill, and Bills, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time:

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 Bills of Exchange Acts (1882) Amendment Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Exchange Acts (1882) Amendment Bill (Lords), and Bills, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Exchange Acts (1882) Amendment Bill (Lords), and Bills, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

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 Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting); 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Afternoon Sitting); 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting); 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of May last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the Post Office Sites 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:—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 Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection. 
Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented Five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee;
The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill; and that he may have leave to bring in the Bill. Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Extension of Time Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]; and that, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising 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, Southgate, Blackpool, Leeds, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne for public service, and for other purposes, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act—(Lord Stanley)

Lord Stanley, by His Majesty's Command, acquaints 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 ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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 Lyttelton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Report No. 421 (Hong Kong, Annual Report for 1903). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to Joint Stock an Order, dated the 28th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Joint Stock No. 282 Companies. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Prisons Command,—Copy of Twenty-sixth Report of (Ireland) the General Prisons Board (Ireland), 1903-4, with an Appendix. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fellowes presented, by His Majesty's ordnance Survey, the Ordnance Survey to the 31st March 1904. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Civil Services Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further sums required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1905. No. 293.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Court of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1903. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3237 and 3238. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered. That the Amendments made by the Savings Lords to the Savings Banks Acts Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Kirkcaldy Corporation Order Confirmation Bill. The Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was referred to a Committee. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of 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 1883 to 1903, as far as the particulars can be stated; together with Statements showing the production of Lignite and Petroleum in the principal producing countries of years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 312 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Gerald Belfour.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Tables showing the Progress of Merchant Shipping in the United Kingdom and the principal maritime countries.—(Mr. Gerald Belfour.)

Coal Tables, 1903.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing) was referred to the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto. (Sir James Woodhouse.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Woodhouse reported from the Committee on Group M of Private Bills; That, (Group M.) for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday the 4th day of August next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to-morrow, on the Port of London Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Crooks, supported by Mr. Mac Vaugh, Mr. Railway and James Bailey, Sir Christopher Furness, Mr. Rathbone, Mr. John Bourner, Mr. Wolff, (Parliamentary Facilities) Mr. Schaus, Mr. Disraeli, Mr. Malcolm, and Mr. Sir Edward Sassoon, presented a Bill to secure the travelling facilities for Members of Parliament in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties:—

And the said Amendment was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Licensing Bill, as amended in the Committee;—

Which Amendment was, in p. 3, l. 26, to leave out the words from the word "of" to the end of subsection (1) of Clause 4, in order to insert the words "a confirming a new licence, and of ascertaining to the conditions, if any, upon which such licence is granted, shall be exercised by quarter sessions after consultation with the justices of the licensing district where such licence is granted"—(Mr. Disraeli), instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "new," in p. 3, l. 27, stand part of the Bill.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And 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. 30, by leaving out from the word "conditions" to the second word "as," in l. 32.—(Mr. Cripps.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 33, by leaving out from
the word "public" to the end of l. 35, and inserting the words "subject as follows:—

(a) Such conditions shall in any case be attached as, having regard to proper provision for good management, the justices think best adapted for securing to the public any monopoly value which is represented by the difference between the value which the premises will bear, in the opinion of the justices, as licensed premises and the value of the same premises if they were not licensed. Provided that, in estimating the value as licensed premises of hotels or other premises where the profits are not wholly derived from the sale of intoxicating liquor, no increased value arising from profits not so derived shall be taken into consideration;

(b) The amount of any payments imposed under conditions attached in pursuance of this section shall not exceed the amount thus required to secure the monopoly value.

(Mr. Solicitor General),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "management," the words "and a reasonable return on the expenditure incurred in respect of the premises."—(Mr. Worsley-Taylor.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment:—"The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 6, by leaving out the words "licensed premises," and inserting the words "so licensed by them."—(Sir John Gorst),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, 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;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 12, by leaving out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Solicitor General);—be inserted, after the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 12, by leaving out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Herbert Lewis).

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—"The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 7, by leaving out from the word "licensed" to the end of l. 11.—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—"The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, in l. 6, by leaving out subsection (3) of Clause 4.—(Mr. Disraeli.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "not," in l. 37, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 37, by leaving out the word "seven," and inserting the word "fifteen."—(Mr. Bond),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "seven," stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 42, by inserting, as at the end, the words "Provided that no new licence shall be granted where the premises are in the vicinity of any place of worship or school."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Yeas,

Mr. Fellowes: 224.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Noes, Mr. William M'Arthur]:

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 16, by leaving out from the word "and," to the first word "for," in l. 14.—(Mr. Solicitor General)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 55, by inserting, after the word "an," the word "existing."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "an," the word "existing."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 14, by leaving out the word "and," and inserting the words "Provided that"—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 17, by leaving out the word "but," and inserting the words "Provided that"—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 20, by leaving out the words "quarter sessions for the whole county," and inserting the words "the justices sitting at each such separate sessions"—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 28, by inserting, after the word "alone," the words "or sweets alone."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 36, by inserting, at the end, the words "Provided that where a provisional grant or order of confirmation of an licence has been made before the passing of this Act under section twenty-two of the Licensing Act, 1874, and is subse-

sequently declared to be final under that section, the licence shall, although not in force at the time of the passing of this Act, be deemed to be an existing licence."—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 10, by leaving out from the word "standing," in l. 10,—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:
Lord Tredegar’s Supplemental Estate 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 Standing Orders 84, 214, and Tyne-side 239 be suspended, and that the Tyne-side Tramways and Tramroads (recommitted) Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Belfast Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords] was committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Third Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, upon Monday next.

Ordered, That in the case of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 5) Bill, the Command Order 211 be suspended, and that the Committee have leave to proceed with the Bill on Monday next, provided that no Petitions have been deposited against the Bill.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in an Edinburgh Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh and District Water: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented an Edinburgh Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh and District Water: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Glasgow and Tyneside Western Railway Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire) Railway Transfer: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Glasgow and Tyneside Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire) Railway Transfer Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire) Railway Transfer: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Perth Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Corporation Order Confirmation, 1899, relating to Perth Corporation: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Graham Murray do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Perth Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Corporation Order Confirmation, 1899, relating to Perth Corporation: And the Bill 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. Secretary Aches-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Cambridge, altering certain Polling Districts in the borough.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Summary of the Recommendations of the Inter-departmental Committee, 1909, on the Reserve of Guns, Stores, &c., required for the Army; showing also to what extent these Recommendations have been carried out.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 3299.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wynyard presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agricultural Statistics of Ireland, with detailed Report for the year 1903.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England and Wales, 1903.

Mr. Walter Long also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the year 1902-3.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Local Taxation Returns (England) be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Astronomer Royal to the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

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:

Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of London for the year ended 31st December 1903.

Copy of Ninety-ninth Report of the Commissioners of the Caledonian Canal.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor 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 30th June 1904.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the Chamber of London and the Caledonian Canal be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of all Contracts made in the United Kingdom for manufactured articles by the several Government Departments in the year ending the 31st day of March 1904, either with contractors outside the United Kingdom or with contractors or agents who obtain the articles from abroad (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 342 of Session 1903).—(Sir Howard Vincent.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, as regards each of the following classes of local authorities, viz., the Councils of the City of London, the Metropolitan Boroughs, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Bolton, Birkenhead, Bradford, Blackpool, Hull, Nottingham, Derby, and Portsmouth, (1) the number of Sanitary Inspectors, Inspectors of Nuisances, or other officers appointed to act as Inspectors of Meat; (2) what special qualifications, if any, these officers possess for the discharge of the duties of Inspectors of Meat; (3) the amounts received by the Council during the year ended the 31st day of March 1904 on account of fines and costs in connection with prosecutions relating to unsound or diseased meat; and (4) the law costs paid by the Council during that year in respect of any proceedings at quarter sessions or in the High Court arising out of the decisions of justices in connection with such prosecutions.—(Mr. Field.)

The Light Railways Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, That in the case of the Prefford Park Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the report; and the preamble of the Bill, and verily 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 Amendments made by the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Reserve Forces Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Gas and Water 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, with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation Bill [Lords]; 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 do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords]; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 22nd day of March last, the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 3 and 5 had been proved before the Committee; and proof was given before the Examiner on the 24th day of March last that the consents of the local and road authorities to Tramway No. 4 had been obtained, and that the Standing Orders applicable to that Tramway in other respects had been complied with.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Buxton Joint Water Board Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Pre-amble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir 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.

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 Metropolitan District Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendments.

The Public Health Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Third Reading of the Finance Bill have precedence over the Business of Supply this day.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That Three additional days be allotted to the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill; And a Motion being made that the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," Vol. 199.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 23rd day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea 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 False Statements Bill (Companies) 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 Statements Bill (Companies) Bill (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements Bill (Companies) Bill (Scotland) Bill, next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 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 Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements Bill (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements Bill (Companies) Bill (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements Bill (Companies) Bill (Scotland) Bill, next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Penal Servitude Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of June last, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Police (Superintendence of Police) 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 taking Police (Superintendence of Police) 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 Solicitors Bill, Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Anglo-French Committee on Anglo-French Convention Expenses;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on Post Office Bills;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cunard Agreement Convention;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills at Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Bills; Exchange Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fox's Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military and Naval Prize Bill [Lords.];
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Bill;
Resolved, 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 Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill [Lords.];
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Land Bill;
Resolved, That the House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cunard Agreement [Money.];
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 Naval Prize Bill [Lords.];
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cunard Agreement [Money.];
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill on the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;—
Resolved, 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 Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Proceedings in the House of Commons;
Resolved, That the House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Land Bill;
Resolved, That the House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Marriages Bill;—
Resolved, That the House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canal Traffic Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Metric System) 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 Mortgages of Premises 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 Lords University Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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 Reading, in the room of George William Palmer, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said borough, has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York. — (Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barnet District Gas and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barnet Commercial Dock 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 King's College Hospital 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 Corporation (General Powers) 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 Corporation (Waterworks) 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 Ship Canal Bill [Lords] as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the North Wales Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (For protection of Llanfairfechan Urban District Council) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Kirkdale Corporation Order Conforms Corporation 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 Hamilton Gas 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 (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

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.

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 on American Manuscripts in the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Vol. I.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of Hertford subdividing the Mid or Saint Albans Parliamentary Division into Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of Hertford subdividing the Eastern or Hertford Parliamentary Division into Polling Districts.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas also presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Corporal Punishment.

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 3rd day of March last, for a Return relative to Deaths from Starvation, or accelerated by Privation (London).

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 13th day of June last, for a Return relative to County and Borough Lunatic Asylums.

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 13th day of June last, for a Return relative to Shops.

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 8th day of April last, for a Return relative to Motor Cars (Licences).

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 2nd day of May last, for a Return relative to Woolen, Worsted, and Shoddy Factories (Inspection).

Mr. Victor Cavendish, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statutory Abstract for the principal and other Foreign

Committee of Imperial Defence.

Statistical Abstract (Foreign Countries).

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Vol. 159.

Countries in each year from 1892 to 1901-2. [Thirtieth Number.]

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire and report as to Gas (Departmental Gas Testing in the Metropolis. Part II., Committee.) Evidence and Appendices.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of tramway their Proceedings under the Tramways Act, Orders 1879, during the Session of 1904.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Merchant to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Merchant No. 294.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of Coal Tables, this instant July, for a Return relative to Coal No. 295.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Bill.

Third Reading of the Licensing Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Asquith.)

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,—

Sir Alexander Acland, 217.

Mr. Fellowes, 199.

Tellers for the Noes,—

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 199.

Mr. William M'Arthur, 219.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishops of Southern and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Married Women's Property Act (1892) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison Insurance (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (1892) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill [Lords.] upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices 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 Isle of Man (Customs) 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 the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners’ Names 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 Wireless Telegraphy 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 Site for Duke of York’s School Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Canard Agreement [Money];
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 Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Bill; [Post Office Sites [Expenses];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Clauses of the Registration Bill of Clans (Ireland) Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the University of Liverpool Bill.

(Protest Bill)

Chambers No. 1 and 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 the Drunkenness Bill; [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings Bill; [Registration]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens Bill; [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Leeds University Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters (Registration) Bill;
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Heywood Johnston reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That in the case of the Streetfrod Urban District Council Bill [Lords] they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therunto.

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 Police and Sanitary Committee; That in the Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Radcliffe Tramways and Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London and India Docks Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the South Shields Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 113.]

Monday, 1st August 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill [Lords], 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 Bill [Lords], 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 Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Corporation Bill.

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 desirine 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:

1. Finance Act, 1904.
2. Savings Banks Act, 1904.
3. Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
5. Arbroath Corporation Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
8. Scotch Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Edinburgh) Act, 1904.
15. Lytham Improvement Act, 1904.

Mr. Secretary Arnold-Forster presented, by Army, His Majesty's Command.—Copy of particulars regarding the proposed Army Organisation Scheme.

Copy of Statement showing the basis on Army, which the estimated extra cost of £25,900,000 for Conscription was made.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Drainage of Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Drainage of Lough Neagh and the Lower Bann.
Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Capital Expenditure (Money.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund; and of making provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That a Copy of Statement of particulars of Loans of the 23rd day of March last, was proposed.

By the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, when the said Paper was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd August 1904, to be printed. The Lords have agreed to the Order for the House to resolve itself into Education a Committee, to-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Education a Committee, to-morrow, on the Education (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented a Bill to grant Public Works money for the purpose of certain Local Loans Bill, out of the Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented a Bill to confirm various expiring Laws; and the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that certain of His Majesty's Ministers have accepted official positions in a political organisation which has formally declared its adhesion to a policy of Preferential Duties involving the taxation of food. (See Henry Campbell-Bannerman); and of making provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That a Copy of Statement of particulars of Loans of the 23rd day of March last, was proposed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, when the said Paper was ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday, 2nd August 1904, was proposed.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee]; ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed.
to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

**Marine Insurance Bill.**

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 this day.

**Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill (Lords.)**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 'Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill (Lords); Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

**Shop Hours Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

**Government Ships Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

**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 Wednesday next.

**Light Railways Bill (Lords.)**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

**Reserve Forces Bill (Lords.)**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

**Public Health Bill (Lords.)**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 on Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Education (Local Authority Default) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasury Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

**Allhallows, &c. Works Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allhallows, &c. Works 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 Bishopric of 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 Lunacy Bill. Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fishery Bill Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Bill (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women's Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Women's Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Assistance of the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchequer Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (1882) 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 Bills of Exchange Act (1882) 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 Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justice of the Second Reading of the Justice 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 Isle of Man Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Proprietors) 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 Statements (Companies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commis- sioners' Names 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 Wireless Telegraphy 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 Site for Duke of York's School 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 Animals Removal 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 Anglo-French Convention Bill;  
Resolved, That this House, will this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Crown Lands Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Post Office Sites [Expenses.]  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Sites [Expenses];  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords].  

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords].  
(In the Committee.)  

Clause No. 1.  

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Leeds University Bill  

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Leeds University Bill.  
(In the Committee.)  

Clauses No. 1 and 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.

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (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 Street Betting Removal Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 2nd August 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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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 Wireless Telegraphy 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 read a second time this day.

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 Crown Lands 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 read a second time this day.

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 Post Office Sites [Expenses];  
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords].  
(In the Committee.)  

Clause No. 1.  

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Leeds University Bill.  
(In the Committee.)  

Clauses No. 1 and 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.

A Motion being made, That the Great Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;  

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-  

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Bill, the Feltstone 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-  

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Radcliffe Tramways and 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 House proceeded to take into considera-  

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Shields Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Great Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;  

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 King's College Hospital 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.

Verbal Amendments were made to the Leeds Corporation (Waterworks) Railway Bill [Lords.]

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 Manchester Corporation (General Powers) 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 Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords.] be now read the third time;

Sir Charles Dilke, 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The North Wales 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.

A Motion being made, That the West Riding Tramways Bill [Lords.] be now read the third time;

Sir Charles Dilke, 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, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords], 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 West Riding Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Stretford Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Trafford Park Bill [Lords], as amended Bill [Lords.], in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Glasgow Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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 Gas and Water Orders 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 desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Edinburgh take into consideration the Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Clause (For the protection of the North British Railway Company) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Perth take into consideration the Perth Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Third Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill.

To-morrow.
The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Orders No. 10, showing the date of such Order No. 10, Motion, the name of the Member proposing, the definite Matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1904 (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 318 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Orders No. 26, showing the date of such Order No. 26, Motion, the name of the Member proposing, the definite Matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1904, under the following heads:

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In continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 319 of Session 1903.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Petitions, presented and printed in Session 1904, distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 200 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1904, showing the number which received the Royal Assent; the number which were passed by this House but not by the House of Lords; the number passed by the House of Lords but not by this House; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 201 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1904, showing the number which received the Royal Assent; the number which were passed by this House but not by the House of Lords; the number passed by the House of Lords but not by this House; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 200 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in Session 1904, including the Standing Committees and the Court of Referees; the Subjects of inquiry; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of
the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee sat; and the number of days each Member attended; the total expense of the attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee; and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.198 of Session 1903). (Mr. Caldwell.)

Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of days on which the House sat in Session 1904, stating for each day the date of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of adjournment. Members sat in the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight; and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.199 of Session 1903). (Mr. Caldwell.)

Business of the House (Days occupied by Government and by Private Members.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, with reference to Session 1904, (1) the number of Sittings at which, in accordance with the Standing Orders, the House 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, in accordance with the Standing Orders; (3) the number of Sittings at which Government Members 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 Minutes 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. 320 of Session 1903).

Private Bills and Private Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1904, classed according to the following Subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Waterworks; Gas; Gas and Water; Lighting and Improvement; Police and Sanitary Regulations; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations, or to Lighting and Improvement Schemes); Ports, Pier, Harbours, and Docks; Churches, Chapels, and Burial Grounds; Markets and Fairs; Gaols and other County Buildings; Isolation and Drainage; Estate; Divorce; Naturalization; Hospitals, and Miscellaneous:—Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1904, have been reported on by Committees on opposed Private Bills, or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills of the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:—Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1904, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the names of Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended:—And of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the Sittings of the Committee (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 197 of Session 1903). (Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. Bonar Law reported from the Select Committee on Foreign Ships (Application of Statutory Powers); That they had taken some evidence on the matters to them referred, and directed him to report the same to the House; and with an Appendix, and with a recommendation that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament to continue the inquiry.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Railways and Steamships (Parliamentary Faculties) Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant August.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the 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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ports, Pier, Harbour, and Docks Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Port of London Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ports, Pier, Harbour, and Docks Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Law relating to County Courts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The County Courts Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 2, by inserting, after the word "except," the words "on Fridays and;"—(Mr. Ellis Griffith).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ellis Griffith, 138.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Courtney Warner.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ellis Griffith, 138.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Courtney Warner.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly 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;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland] 212.
Tellers for the [Captain Dowelan, 134.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,960 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 1905 for the expenses in respect of the Committee of Imperial Defence, in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury:

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, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1904-5.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,960 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 1905 for the expenses in respect of the Committee of Imperial Defence, in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury:

Wednesday, 3rd August 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,960 be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Whiteley).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Brompton Garden, 48.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley.]

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 146.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Fellowes.]

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising;

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 [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 133.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Churchill, 59.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Whiteley.]

Question put accordingly, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,960 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 1905 for
the expenses in respect of the Committee of Imperial Defence, in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury, and agreed to.

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 on Friday 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Capital Expenditure [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again — (Sir Edward Grey) — Debate arising:—

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 Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. William M'Arthur: ]

Original Question again proposed — Debate arising:—

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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 Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Roberts: ]

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities, the principal of and interest on such Exchequer Bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make provision for the discharge of any sums so borrowed out of moneys annually provided by Parliament.

Question put, That the Chairman do report this Resolution to the House.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Year, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Soares: ]

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole £2,600,000, as are required for making the advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July 1903, and approved by the House of Commons 12th August 1905, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said Agreement — (Mr. Victor Cavendish):—

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again— (Mr. William Jones) — Debate arising:—

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 Year, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. William M'Arthur: ]

Original Question again proposed — Debate arising:—

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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 Year, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. William M'Arthur: ]

Original Question again proposed — Debate arising:—

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 Year, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: ]

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Year, [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Fellowes: ]

Tellers for the Year, [Mr. Henry J. Wilson: ]

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole £2,600,000, as
are required for making the advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July 1903, and approved by the House of Commons 12th August 1903, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the issue of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said Agreement.

Question put, That the Chairman do report this Resolution to the House.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Acland, 121.

Head.

Mr. Fellowes:

Tellers for the

Mr. Henry J. Wilson, 42.

Noes, Mr. Theodore Taylor:

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.

Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Anglo-French Convention Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Shop Hours Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

First Office Sites Bill,

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office Sites (recommitted) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Butter Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Butter Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Port of London Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Port of London Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply [7th July] Report;

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of July last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Supply [12th April] Report;

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Supply [Deferred Resolution.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval and Military Medals 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 June last, that the Indian Councils 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 Naval Prize Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Bill;

Ordered, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring 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 resuming the Dogs Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs 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 Marine Insurance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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 the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill;
Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy Bill; Order the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Statements in Companies' Accounts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 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 the Second Reading of the Sea 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 Isle of Man Bill (Lords)."
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lettsom presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Colonial Report, No. 452 (Gibraltar, Annual Report for 1903). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 10.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Closure of the House (Standing Order No. 26).

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Adjournment of Sittings of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd 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 2nd 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 Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 30th day of July 1904, stating the circumstances under which certain Civil Servants have been retained in the Service after they had attained the age of Sixty-five; and of the Return therein referred to.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

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 1904, have been reported on by 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 on which each Commissioner has served; the number of days occupied by each draft Provisional Order before the Commissioners; the draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were to have been proved; and the draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved.—(The Lord Advocate.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (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 To-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Water 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, with Amendments, to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Tramways 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, with Amendments, to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Alcoholic Beverages Act, 1898. Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Memorandum and Statistical Tables showing the production and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages (Wine, Beer, and Spirit) in the various Countries of Europe, in the United States, and in the principal British Colonies; and the Revenue derived therefrom in recent years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 335 of Session 1903). — (Mr. Gerald Balfe.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing, according to the accounts for the twelve months preceding the 31st day of March 1904, furnished to the Local Government Board under Section 1 (7) of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894,—

(1) The amounts 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 these authorities (a) under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including expenses of scavenging 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 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 388 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount paid during the year out of the fund for the general purposes (not marked sixpenny boxes) out of the rates under the Act, 1891, to the several local authorities in the different countries (or United Kingdom) for the year ending on the 31st day of August last. Ordered, That the said Paper dolie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 1904, have been reported on by 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 on which each Commissioner has served; the number of days occupied by each draft Provisional Order before the Commissioners; and the number of days occupied by each draft Provisional Order the Preambles of which have been reported on by Commissioners; and the number of days occupied by each draft Provisional Order the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved.—(The Lord Advocate.)
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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 To-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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, 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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Belfast Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Appendices to 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Provisional Orders confirmed.)

Electric Orders.

Confirmation of Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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 To-morrow.

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 To-morrow.

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, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

EVENING SITTING.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.)

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,300 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 1905 for a Grant in Aid of the expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £2,200 be granted for the said service—(Mr. Clancy):

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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 acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Sitting.

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 28th day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Sitting.

Ordered, That the Report be received this Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting); Sitting.

Ordered, That the Report be received this Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting); Sitting.

Ordered, That the Report be received this Report.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 28th day of April last (Evening Sitting); Sitting.

Ordered, That the Report be received this Report.

No. 305. Supply [on allotted day.]

Colonel Boyles reported from the Select Committee on Workmen's Trains; That they had taken some evidence on the matters to them referred, and directed him to report the same to the House; together with an Appendix, and with a recommendation that a Committee be appointed in the next Session of Parliament to continue the inquiry.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £14,371 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 1905 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.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of May 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 16th day of June 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 7th day of July last; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred; Ordered, That the said Resolutions 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 30th day of June last; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Capital Expenditure [Money] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, any sums which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the Committee on Cunard Agreement [Money] a Agreement Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole £2,600,000, as are required for making the advances to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated 30th July 1903, and approved by the House of Commons 15th August 1903, to authorise the Treasury to borrow money, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the time of such sums or the repayment thereof, the principal and interest on such bonds to be charged on the Consolidated Fund, and to make other provisions relating to the said Agreement. The said Resolution being read a second time; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution: — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in. Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly (capital presented a Bill to enable the Treasury to borrow, by means of Exchequer Bonds, for the purpose for which they are authorised to borrow by means of terminable annuities: And the said Resolution was read a second time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Victor Cavendish accordingly presented a Cunard Bill to make provision with respect to the Cunard Steamship Company (Limited) under an Agreement with that Company, dated the thirtieth day of July nineteen hundred and three: 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 Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Local Authority Default) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasuries Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Servitude Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Aliens [Expenses];
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of June last, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Police (Superannuation) 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 Solicitors Bill; Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Constabulary (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill; Second Reading of the Committee on the Education (Scotland) 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 Constabulary 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 Constabulary (Ireland) Bill; Second Reading of the Constabulary (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 University Grants Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shop Hours into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the County Courts Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];
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 Anglo-French Convention Bill; Second Reading of the Anglo-French Convention Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Treasuries Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the National and Second Reading of the Naval and Military Medals Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Committee on the Irish Land Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Judicature Second Reading of the Judicature and Development Grant (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 Public Works Loans Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Glasgow and South Western Railway Corporation Bill, as amended in the Lords.

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 consider the Stretford Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords], as 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 consider the Saddleworth Springhead Tramways Bill.

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 consider the District Council Bill [Lords] be now read the third time.

Sir Charles Dilke, 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill [Lords], as amended by the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bill.

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 consider the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bill.

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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Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by Metropolitan
His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of
the Departmental Committee appointed by the
Secretary of State for the Home Department
to inquire into the question of Metropolitan
Police Court Jurisdiction in Middlesex, with
Evidence.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's
Heads of Command,—Return of all British Ships ordered
by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, during the
period from 1st July 1903 to 30th June
1904, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, by
reason of the defective condition of their hulls,
equipment, or machinery, or by reason of over-
loading or improper loading, in pursuance of the
provisions of 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60, s. 459, 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 Vict. c. 60, s. 462; together with
Summaries showing respectively the total num-
er of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe,
from 1st July 1903 to 30th June 1904, and
since 1st October 1876, distinguishing between
those cases in which the Ships were found safe
or unsafe.
Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return
Reports and
and
To-morrow.

To-morrow.

To-morrow.

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.)
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—Copy of Thirteenth General Annual Report
by the Board of Trade under Section 29 of the
Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890:

—Copy of Twenty-first General Annual Report Bankruptcy,
by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy, in No. 312.
pursuance of Section 131 of the Bankruptcy
Act, 1883.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table; and that the Papers relative to Tram-
ways and Light Railways (Street and Road),
Companies (Winding-up), and Bankruptcy be
printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's
Criminal and
Order, dated the 22nd day of July last, for
a Return relative to Tramways and Light
Railways (Street and Road).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a
Copy of Contract, dated the 26th day of July
1904, between the Postmaster General and the
Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co-
mpany for the conveyance of East India Mail,
China, and Australia Mail, being supplemental to
the Contract dated the 25th day of May 1897
(H.C., No. 239 of Session 1897); together with
Copy of Treasury Minute thereon, dated the
2nd day of August 1904,—(Mr. Victor
Cavendish.)

Sir James Woodhouse reported from the Com-
mmittee on Group of Private Bills; That in
the case of the Electric Lighting Provisional
Orders (No. 3)
Orders (No. 3) Bill [Lords] they had considered, the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Original Question put, and agreed to.)

Mr. Rigg, supported by Colonel Baines, Mr. Juvenile Allen, Mr. Catteke Watson, Dr. Macnamara, and Mr. Lamberti, presented a Bill to provide for the prevention of Juvenile Smoking; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Teanutt,
Sir Alexander Aeland, Yes, Noes, 101.]
Sir Alexander Aeland, 170.
Mr. Fellows:  
Tellers for the House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(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 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 again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means from this Evening's Sitting.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(Original Question put, and agreed to.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £10,314,000 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 1905 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 put, That the Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment. 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 again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means from this Evening's Sitting.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(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 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 again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means from this Evening's Sitting.

Evening Sitting.
And it being after 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply;

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 the 30th day of June last;

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 28th 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 28th day of April last (Afternoon 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 31st day of May last;

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 23rd day of June last;

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 12th day of May last (Afternoon 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 16th day of June last;

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 7th day of July last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into further consideration the Fourth and (1st April) [Deferred] Resolution which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Bishopric of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Second Reading of the Expire Laws Continuance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that, when important Acts of Parliament have been passed for a limited period, any of such Acts should be included in a general Bill for the continuance of expiring Laws brought in at the close of the Session without affording any fair opportunity of considering the propriety of their discontinuance or their modification."—(Mr. Churchill)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) (Customs) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Committee on Anglo-French Convention (Expenses);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Works Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Shop Hours into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as Bill amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.
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Naval Prize Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Prize Bill [Lords.] ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Dogs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Dogs Bill be now read a second time; ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Marine Insurance Bill.

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 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 Tuesday next.

Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of June last, That the Provisional Order (Marriages) Bill be now read a second time; ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Married Women’s Property Act (1889) Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women’s Property Act (1889) Amendment Bill [Lords.]; ordered, That the said Order be discharged; ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Bills of Exchange Act (1889) Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (1889) Amendment Bill [Lords.]; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 upon Tuesday next.

False Statements (Companies) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the False Statements (Companies) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Site for Duke of York’s School Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Site for Duke of York’s School Bill [Lords.]; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Crown Lands Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Lands 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 Bills of Exchange Act Amendment Bill; ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the lst day of June last, That the Penal Servitude Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Comites of Justice, and Legal Procedure; ordered, That the said Order be discharged. ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Police (Superintended by the Police (Superannuation) Bill, 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 Constabulary Second Reading of the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Repeal Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill (Scotland); ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Seamen’s and Second Reading of the Seamen’s and Soldiers’ False Second Reading of the Seamen’s and Soldiers’ False Characters Bill [Lords.]; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill; ships Bill, ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill; ordered, That the said Order be discharged; ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill [Lords.]; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords.]; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health 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 Prisons (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

**Friday, 5th August 1904.**

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table Mr. Speaker, informed the House of the unavoidable indisposition of Mr. Speaker, owing to indisposition:

—Whereupon Mr. James William Leatham, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair prayers, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Motion being made, That the Bridlington (Bridlington Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time.

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 Bradford 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 Boston Urban (Boston Urban District Council Bill [Lords]) be now read the third time.

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 Trafford Park Bill [Lords] was read the Trafford Park third time, and passed, with Amendments.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill [Lords.]

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.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 220 and 249, relating to Private Bills, be suspended for the remainder of the Session.

That as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments (if unopposed) shall be considered forthwith.

That as regards Private Bills returned, or to be returned, by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments (if unopposed) shall be considered at such times as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

That when it is intended to propose any Amendments thereto a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and notice given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That in the case of the Stretford Urban District Council Bill [Lords.], Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of July last, for a Return relative to Agricultural Produce and its Exportation (United Kingdom and Continental Countries).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Fellows presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Report of the Proceedings at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of Representatives of Authorities under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, 16th June 1904.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Percy presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series. Nos. 3246 and 3247.

Copy of Award of His Majesty the King of Italy with regard to the Boundary between the Colony of British Guiana and the United States of Brazil.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That they Sanitary Committee, 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings No. 314. of the Select Committee be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Local Authority Deficiency) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McKean moved, That the Chairman do (chairman report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; because a question had been proposed on the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House; and declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.)
Mr. Deputy Speaker appealed to the honourable Members, in the interests of the House, not to persist in their refusal to obey the Chair. And then the House again resolved itself into the Committee. 

(In the Committee.)

Question put, That the Question, That the words of the Clause to the word "make," inclusive, in 1. 10, stand part of the Clause, be now put,—put, and agreed to.

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Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy 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, proceeded to Shop Hours take into consideration the Shop Hours Bill, as BILL amended in the Standing Committee. 

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption of shopkeeper).—(Sir Frederick Balfour.)

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 :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Churchill):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Indian adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Council BILL, upon the 1st day of June last, That the Indian Council 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 Expiring Laws Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance BILL:

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],—Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Sites [Expenses] (recommenced) BILL.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Trelawnyn),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy 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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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 Isle of Man (Customs) 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 was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. M'Kenna) :— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Angle-French Convention [Expenses].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Angle-French Convention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Allot, etc. Works Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alkali, etc. Works Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant August;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee];

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Government Ships Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Ships Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Light Railways Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes before Six of the clock, till Monday next.
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 Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Neath, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Medical Officers of Health for Counties be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His East India Majesty's Command,—Copy of Administration (Railways.) Report on the Railways in India, for the year 1903, by C. W. Hodson, Esquire, M.Inst.C.E., Official Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railways.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented, by His Post Office Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fiftieth Report of the Postmaster General on the Post Office.

Copy of Forty-eighth Report of the Com. Customs, missionaries of His Majesty's Customs, for the year ended 31st March 1904.

Copy of Forty-seventh Report of the Com. Inland revenues, missionaries of His Majesty's Inland Revenue, Revenue, for the year ended 31st March 1904.

Copy of Seventy-second Annual Report from Public Works the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, (Ireland), with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1904.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 18th day of May last, for Imposts. No. 317.

Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of Government July last, for a Return relative to Government Departments (Contracts).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return and the Paper relative to the Superannuation Act, 1887, be printed.

Mr. Wynnham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Belfast, for the year 1903-4.

Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Galway, for the Session 1903-4.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of May last, for a Return relative to Medical Officers of Health for Counties.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of June last, for a Return relative to Steward Homs (Pauper Lunatics chargeable to Metropolitan Unions).

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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 Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Supply of Electricity Bill, with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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 Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Wild Birds Bill, with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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 Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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 Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Sea Fisheries Bill, with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Charles Bousfield, Bart., C.B., to inform this House, That the Lords have agreed to the University of London (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Charles Bousfield, Bart., C.B., to inform this House, That the Lords have agreed to the Lothians and Forth Water Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Charles Bousfield, Bart., C.B., to inform this House, That the Lords have agreed to the Lothians and Forth Water District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Charles Bousfield, Bart., C.B., to inform this House, That the Lords have agreed to the Lothians and Forth Water District Council Bill, 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 Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the King's College Hospital Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Weights and Measures (Extension of Time) Order Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Riding Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hord Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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Order for the second reading of the Army Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £331,000 be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge for the Salaries and miscellaneous charges of the War Office which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905:

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.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

£331,000 for the Salaries and miscellaneous charges of the War Office.

Tuesday, 9th August 1904:

And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House. 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 Wednesday 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, this day, 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 30th day of June last. That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution;

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 28th day of April last (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 28th day of April last (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 28th 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 21st day of May 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 12th day of May last (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of June last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th day of July last;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fourth and subsequent Resolutions which, upon the 30th day of June last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolutions were then deferred;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant August;

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 August;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cunard Second Reading of the Cunard Agreement (Money) 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. Lough.)

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]

Hood.

Year, 135.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fellowes—]

Mr. Lough.

Year, 34.

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 this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Capital Expenditure (Money) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Order (Marriages) 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names 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 Wireless Telegraphy 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 said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill 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 Judicature and Development Grant (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Committee on the Irish Land Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provisional Order on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Schools 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 Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Bill 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 Public Health Bill 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 County Courts Bill Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance 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 the Post Office Sites (recommitted) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 to No. 13 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant August, That the Isle of Man (Customs) 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 Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention [Expenses];

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 Anglo-French Convention 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 Alkali, &c. Works Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) 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 taking into consideration the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not 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 Seamen’s and Soldiers’ False Characters 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 Government Ships 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 Light Railways Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 consideration of a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, Public Works this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the remission of a Debt due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish): Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-master of this Motion, recommends it to the Consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, Navy and Army Grants for 1902-3, and the temporary sanction obtained from the Treasury by the Navy and Army Departments to the expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 15th day of February last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

Resolved, That the Statement of the estimated expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers Foundation for the year 1904–5 be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Lee.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then eighteen minutes before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

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Tuesday, 9th August 1904.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leyton 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the [Loch Leven Water Power 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.

London County Council (General Power) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Power) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill [ Lords.]

The Bristol Tramways (Extensions) 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Colonial Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Tables relating to British Colonies, Possessions, and Protectorates. Part XXVII., for the year 1904.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several Colonial British Colonies, Possessions, and Protectorates in each year from 1889 to 1903. [Forty-first Number]

Copy of Return relating to the Rates of Colonial Import Duties levied upon the principal and other articles imported into the British Colonies, Possessions, and Protectorates, for the year 1904.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return, for the years 1902-3 and 1903-4, (Colleges in Ireland) respectively, giving (1) the names of the Training Colleges in Ireland, whether under the management of the National Board or under local management, on behalf of which application was made to the Commissioners of National Education within the last three years to sanction an increase in the number of King's Scholars which each such College was authorised to admit to training; (2) the number of King's Scholars asked to be authorised for admission in each case; (3) the decisions of the Commissioners of National Education in each case, giving, if the decision was favourable, the increase authorised in each case (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 588 of Session 1902).—Mr. Balfour.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return, for the years 1902-3 and 1903-4, giving (1) the name and class of the Ship damaged, the 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 the time in dockyard for repairs, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1903 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 517 of Session 1903).—(Mr. Long.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Messengers had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—
The Lords have agreed to the Lords University Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting (London) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Licensing Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, and Thornaby Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Clyde Navigation (Works) 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 Water Orders (Works) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill, with Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fishery Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Trafford Park Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chesterfield Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Belfast Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North, Pontardawe, and Brynamaw Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confer a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, relating to Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have come to the following Resolution, viz.:—

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That the Promoters of the Lords Corporation (Consolidation) Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period be paid.

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o’clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session:

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be proceeded with only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages:

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

To which Resolution the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Licensing Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

The Whole Fisheries (Scotland) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Belfast and North East Ireland Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Fishery Bill [Lords] be advised to...
payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905 for the Salaries and working expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service:

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.

Chairman puts the Questions forwards.

(Standing Order No. 15.)

Standing the Questions forthwith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Revenue Departments.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £3,015,500 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 1905 for the Salaries and working expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service:

And it being Ten of the clock, the Chairman proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-
Hood, Mr. Fellowes: ] 172.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks, Mr. Jacoby: ] 87.

The Chairman then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in each Class of the Civil Service Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and the total amount of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army, and Revenue Departments, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Class I.

2. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £1,088,788 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Services, included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>2. Osborne (including a supplementary sum of £2,400)</td>
<td>10,550</td>
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<td>3. Royal Parks and Pleasure Grounds</td>
<td>69,100</td>
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<td>4. Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>40,700</td>
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<td>5. Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>25,300</td>
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<td>6. Diplomatic and Consular Buildings</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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<td>7. Public Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>290,000</td>
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<td>8. Surveys of the United Kingdom</td>
<td>130,400</td>
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<td>9. Portsmouth Harbour</td>
<td>22,000</td>
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<td>10. Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>382,372</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland</td>
<td>710,767</td>
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<td>12. Railways, Ireland</td>
<td>274,816</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£1,088,788</strong></td>
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Class II.

3. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £1,263,014 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>1. House of Lords Offices</td>
<td>8,908</td>
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<td>2. House of Commons Offices</td>
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<td>3. Treasury and subordinate Offices</td>
<td>54,609</td>
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<td>4. Home Office</td>
<td>194,924</td>
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<td>5. Foreign Office</td>
<td>35,771</td>
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<td>6. Civil Service Office</td>
<td>27,750</td>
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<td>7. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>49,201</td>
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<td>8. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>69,201</td>
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<td>9. Bankruptcy Department of Board of Trade</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<td>10. Board of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>54,357</td>
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<td>11. Charity Commission</td>
<td>14,658</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>26,110</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>30,740</td>
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<td>14. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>8,601</td>
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<td>15. Local Government Board</td>
<td>142,089</td>
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<tr>
<td>16. Miscellaneous Building Coinage</td>
<td>6,880</td>
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<td>17. National Debt Office</td>
<td>7,409</td>
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<td>18. Public Record Office</td>
<td>14,965</td>
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<tr>
<td>19. Works and Public Buildings Office</td>
<td>18,712</td>
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<td>20. Works and Buildings Office</td>
<td>30,649</td>
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<td>21. Secret Service Office</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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Class III.

4. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £2,016,511 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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<td>2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>27,500</td>
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<td>3. Supreme Court of Judicature</td>
<td>172,145</td>
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<td>4. Land Registry</td>
<td>25,987</td>
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<td>5. General Electors</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td>6. Police, Enrolled and Wales</td>
<td>18,686</td>
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<td>7. Prisons, England and the Colonies</td>
<td>275,762</td>
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<td>8. Referees and Industrial Schools, Great Britain</td>
<td>113,967</td>
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<td>9. Broadmoor Ordnance Lunatic Asylum</td>
<td>21,701</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>34,049</td>
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<td>11. Register House, Edinburgh</td>
<td>27,078</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Crofters Commission</td>
<td>2,580</td>
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<td>13. Prisons</td>
<td>8,670</td>
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£7,110,267 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances  380,789
2. Merchant Seamen’s Fund Pensions  590
3. Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances  647
4. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland  300

£341,246

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland],
    Yeas,  [Mr. Fellows]:  183.
    Noes,  [Mr. Higham]:  84.

Class IV.

5. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £7,110,267 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Board of Education  5,288,437
2. British Museum  90,971
3. National Gallery  7,065
4. National Portrait Gallery  2,982
5. Wallace Collection  3,599
6. Scientific Investigation, &c. (United Kingdom)  24,497
8. Public Education, Scotland  1,003,724

£7,110,267

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland],
    Yeas,  [Mr. Fellows]:  183.
    Noes,  [Mr. Slack]:  86.

Class V.

6. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £1,130,288 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Services, included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Diplomatic and Consular Services  393,987
2. British Protectorates in Uganda, &c.  420,700
3. Colonial Service  205,421
4. Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable  32,109
5. Treasury Chest Fund  49,000

£1,130,288

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland],
    Yeas,  [Mr. Fellows]:  180.
    Noes,  [Mr. Lyell]:  84.

Class VI.

7. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £341,246 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances  380,789
2. Merchant Seamen’s Fund Pensions  590
3. Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances  647
4. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland  300

£341,246

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland],
    Yeas,  [Mr. Fellows]:  181.
    Noes,  [Mr. Joseph Walton]:  85.

Class VII.

8. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £63,497 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Temporary Commissions  26,000
2. Miscellaneous Expenses  5,988
3. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund  5,642
4. Saint Louis Exhibition, 1904  10,200
5. Ireland Development Grant  1,000
6. Repayments to Civil Contingencies Fund  16,767

£63,497

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland],
    Yeas,  [Mr. Fellows]:  178.
    Noes,  [Mr. Tomkinson]:  86.


9. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £1,690,200 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:—

12. Admiralty Office  327,400
14. Naval and Marine Pensions, Grants and Compassionate Allowances  1,200,300

£1,690,200

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland],
    Yeas,  [Mr. Fellows]:  199.
    Noes,  [Mr. Cremer]:  44.

Army Estimates, 1904–5.

10. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £15,984,000 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), viz.:—

2. Medical Establishment; Pay, &c.  484,000
3. Militia; Pay, Bounty, &c.  817,000
4. Imperial Yeomanry; Pay and Allowances  468,000

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The Committee divided.
5. Volunteer Corps: Day and Allowances - 1,220,000
6. Transport and Remounts - 1,519,000
7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - 4,882,000
8. Clothing Establishments and Services - 1,156,000
9. Works, Buildings, and Mails: Cost, including Staff for Engineer Services - 1,914,000
10. Establishments for Military Education - 146,000
11. Miscellaneous Effective Services - 73,000
12. Miscellaneous Effective Services - 1,095,000
13. Miscellaneous Effective Services for Men, etc. - 1,676,000
14. Civil Superannuation, Compensation, Compassionate Allowances, and Gratuities - 180,000
15. Non-effective Charges for Officers, &c. - 1,636,000
16. Post Office Packet Service - 536,420

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Alexander Acland - 178.
Mr. Fellowes.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Courtney Warner - 83.
Mr. Higham.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

11. Question put, That a sum not exceeding £386,820 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Service, included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

- Post Office Packet Service - £536,420.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Wednesday, 10th August 1904:

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Alexander Acland - 179.
Mr. Fellowes.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Hopestone - 75.
Mr. Partington.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of June last, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the First 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 30th day of June 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 28th day of April last (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 28th 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 31st day of May 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 4th day of this instant August; 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 August; ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1902-3. (In the Committee.)

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1903, 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 £386,553 5s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended, while the gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a total sum of £437,337 3s., 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 £49,001 17s. 5d.;

(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Grants for Navy Services fell short of the total estimated Receipts by the sum of £24,501 15s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a total sum of £207,119 8s., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule, so that the total actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the total estimated Receipts by the net sum of £202,620 12s. 5d.;

(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 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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Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1903, and the Statement appended thereto, that the resulting differences between the Estimates for Army Services and the total actual Receipts in Aid of such Services exceeded the total estimated Receipts by the net sum of £1,235,435 4s. 2d., it is essential to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

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 Army 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 Army Services as is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services:

1. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.
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.

The Education (Local Authority Default) 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 on the Comurnd Agreement (Money) 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 Capital Expenditure (Money) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of June last, That the Indian Councils 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:—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 this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expanding Laws Continuance Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Continuance of Acts in Schedule).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

The Committee divided.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Land 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 Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons (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 Alkali, &c. Works Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Authorities (Transfer of Property) Bill [Lords].

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 acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' Message Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Bill, which has been introduced into this House in the present Session of Parliament, and which has passed this House and been sent to the House of Lords, shall have leave to introduce the same in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Six o'clock on the day prior to the close of the present Session.

Ordered, That such Bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Six o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session.

That the proceedings on such Bill shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees shall be charged in regard to such stages.

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.—(The Deputy Chairman.)
Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 3) 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 Ayr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fellowes presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Annual Report of Proceedings under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875 to 1899, the Merchandise Marks Acts, 1877 to 1894, the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893, and the Board of Agriculture Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Sunderland) Act, 1889, for the year 1903.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Post Office (East India, China, and Australia Mails).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wynnham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June last, for a Return relative to Convent National Schools (Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Atherstone presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Inebriates Act, 1898, respecting the photographing of inmates of certified Inebriate Reformatorys.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under the Gas and Water Works’ Factories Acts, 1870, during the Session of 1904.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of May last, for a Return relative to Gas Undertakings.

Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of Gas May last, for a Return relative to Gas Undertakings (Local Authorities).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 325.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of August 1898, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (County of Lancashire).

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Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February 1900, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Administrative County of Durham); and further Returns to Orders, dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (Gateshead County Borough), and Inquiry into Charities (Sunderland County Borough).

Ordered, That the said Returns 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 number of Prisons Officers and Staff of all ranks in the several Prisons in England and Wales, and of the extent to which provision of quarters for the occupation of such Officers is at present made by His Majesty's Government at or in connection with each of the said Prisons.  

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the Committee of Supply of the 9th day of this instant August (Evening Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Revenue Departments.

1. That a sum not exceeding £2,615,509 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 1905 for the Salaries and working expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

Class I.

2. That a sum not exceeding £1,088,788 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Services, included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<td>Osborne (including a supplementary sum of £2,200)</td>
<td>£10,380</td>
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<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Grounds</td>
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<td>£24,816</td>
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Total: £1,088,788

Class II.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,263,014 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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Class III.

4. That a sum not exceeding £2,016,511 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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<td>£28,857</td>
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Total: £2,016,511

Class IV.

5. That a sum not exceeding £1,193,263 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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Total: £1,193,263

Class V.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,130,388 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Diplomatic and Consular Services - 283,047
2. British Provinces in India - 420,709
3. Colonial Services - 205,421
4. Telegraph Subsidies and Postage-Cable - 52,000
5. Treasury Chest Fund - 49,000

£1,180,288

Class VI.

7. That a sum not exceeding £341,246 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Superannuation and Beliefs' Allowances - 289,729
2. Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions - 600
3. Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances - 417
4. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland - 300

£341,246

Class VII.

8. That a sum not exceeding £283,497 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Temporary Commissions - 25,000
2. Miscellaneous Expenses - 5,098
3. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund - 5,642
4. Stamps on Local Loans, 1904 - 19,000
5. Ireland Development Grant - 1,000
6. Repayment to Civil Contingencies Fund - 16,757

£283,497

Navy Estimates, 1904-5.

9. That a sum not exceeding £1,684,000 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Navy Services, included in Class VIII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

5. Educational Services - 154,000
12. Admiralty Office - 327,400
14. Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities and Compassionate Allowances - 1,298,000

£1,684,000

Army Estimates, 1904-5.

10. That a sum not exceeding £15,984,000 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), viz.:

2. Medical Establishment; Pay, &c. - 484,000
3. Military Pay, Bounty, &c. - 917,000
4. Imperial Yeomanry; Pay and Allowances - 408,000
5. Volunteer Corps; Pay and Allowances - 1,299,000
6. Transport and Remounts - 1,519,000
7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - 4,282,000
8. Clothing Establishments and Services - 1,130,000
10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs; Cost, including Staff for Engineer Services - 1,218,000
11. Establishments for Military Education - 146,000

£15,984,000

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1904-5.

11. That a sum not exceeding £356,420 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Service, included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

Post Office Packet Service - 564,420

The said Resolutions being read a second time:

The first four Resolutions were postponed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the Fifth Resolution—And a Debate arising thereon;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.

Ordered, That the Sixth, subsequent, and postponed Resolutions be taken into further consideration this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Fifth Resolution, That a sum not exceeding £7,110,267 be granted for expenditure in respect of the outstanding Services included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services; 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 Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into further consideration the Sixth, subsequent, and postponed Resolutions;

The Sixth and Seventh Resolutions were postponed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eighth Resolution, That a sum not exceeding £283,497 be granted for expenditure in respect of the outstanding Services in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services;—And a Debate arising thereon;

And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Report of the Resolution then under consideration.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, in pursuance of Mr. Speaker 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, the Army Estimates, and the Revenue Departments Estimates.

Civil Services Estimates, 1904-5.

Class I.

And the Question being put, That this House Class I. doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding-
The Yeas to the Right:
Tellers for the
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood,
Mr. Fellowes : 166.
Tellers for the
Mr. Broadhurst,
Noes, Mr. Wallace : 70.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [not amended in the Standing Committee].

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "but no bishop appointed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to sit and vote in the House of Lords unless at the time of his appointment he was a Peer of the realm or, shall, after his appointment, become a Peer of the realm by descent or creation."—(Mr. Brynmor Jones.)

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-Hood,
Mr. Fellowes : 150.
Tellers for the
Mr. Broadhurst,
Noes, Mr. Brynmor Jones : 62.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 16, by leaving out the words "including the repealed portions thereof."—(Mr. Brynmor Jones.)

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-Hood,
Mr. Fellowes : 142.
Tellers for the
Mr. Higham,
Noes, Mr. Ellis Griffith : 51.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by leaving out the words "with his consent."—(Mr. Higham.)

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-Hood,
Mr. Fellowes : 140.
Tellers for the
Mr. Higham,
Noes, Mr. Moss : 51.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 11th August 1904:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 19, by leaving out paragraph (b) of Schedule 1.—(Mr. Caldwell.)
And the Question being put, That the words of paragraph (b), to the word "fifteen," in p. 2, l. 17, stand part of the Bill;—

The House divided.

The Yeas read, as follow:

Mr. Fellowes, 131.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 17, by leaving out the words "four thousand," and inserting the words "three thousand five hundred,"—(Mr. Moos),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "four thousand" stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 29, by leaving out the words "four thousand," and inserting the words "three thousand five hundred,"—(Mr. Moos),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "four thousand" stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1902-3, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1903, 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 £388,335 5s. 7d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended, while the gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a total sum of £4,508 15s. 4d., 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 £49,001 17s. 5d.;

(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Grants for Navy Services were short of the total estimated Receipts by the sum of £207,119 8s., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule, while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services exceeded the total estimated Receipts by the net sum of £2,266,558 17s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the total actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the total estimated Receipts by the net sum of £211,120 13s. 2d.;

(c) That the resulting difference 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 is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services:

1. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

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Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1903, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

(a) That the gross Expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a total sum of £2,235,485 4s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended, while the gross Expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a total sum of £2,166,558 17s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the gross actual Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the gross estimated Expenditure by the net sum of £31,120 13s. 2d.;

(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services were short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a total sum of £53,120 13s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, while the Receipts in Aid of other Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a total sum of £58,485 11s. 6d., 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 £5,449 3s. 2d.;
(e) That the resulting differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

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Net Surplus: £446,572 16 4

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 Army 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 Army Services as is necessary to cover the said total deficits on other Grants for Army Services:

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1905, the sum of £73,083,164 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Indian Councils Bill; and, after some time spent therein, 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cunard Agreement (Money) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Capital Committee on the Expiring Expenditure (Money) 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Licensing Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

The Whale Fisheries (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; Fisheries (Scotland) and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Isle of Man the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Customs) upon the 5th day of this instant August, That the Isle of Man (Customs) 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 Anglo-French Convention Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Victor Cavendish accordingly presented a Consolidated Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and five, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.
Army Council Bill (Lords.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army Council Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Wireless Telegraphy Bill.
The Wireless Telegraphy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Reserve Forces Bill (Lords.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Public Health Bill (Lords.)
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health Bill [Lords].

Irish Land Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Land Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Shop Hours Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant August, on consideration of the Shop Hours Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That a Clause (Exemption of shopkeepers) be now read a second time; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right:—The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir Frederick Robinson,] 26. [Mr. Herbert Robertson;] Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Cockburn;] 125. So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Power of county councils to delegate powers under the Shop Hours Acts, 1862 to 1888)—[Mr. Cochrane.]

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, in ls. 1 and 2, by leaving out the words "metropolitan borough or;"—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.) And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill. An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. l, l, 29, by inserting, after the word "proper," the words, "Provided always that every closing order which fixes a closing hour for Saturday shall contain a provision

authorising the occupier of a shop who is a person of the Jewish religion, and keeps such shop closed from sunset on any Friday until sunset on the Saturday immediately following, to open that shop on such Saturday at or after sunset, and to keep it open until ten o'clock in the evening of the same Saturday."—(Mr. Stuart Samuel.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l, 6, by leaving out subsection (6) of Clause 2.—[Mr. Lewis.] And the Question being put, That the words of the subsection to the word "substitute," in p. 2, l, 18, stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Irish Land Bill.

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authorising the occupier of a shop who is a person of the Jewish religion, and keeps such shop closed from sunset on any Friday until sunset on the Saturday immediately following, to open that shop on such Saturday at or after sunset, and to keep it open until ten o'clock in the evening of the same Saturday."—(Mr. Stuart Samuel.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works Bill; Works Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Seamen's and Second Reading of the Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into an Committee on the Outdoor Relief (Friendly-Societies) (No. 2) Bill. (Friendly-Societies) (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and 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 the Light Railways Bill. Light Railways Bill. (Lords.)

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee on the Outdoor Relief (Friendly-Societies) (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill Legislation Bills Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission]; Loans [Remission.] Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Whole Queen's Messenger for Scotland (Scotland) (Exemptions.)
to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland—(Mr. Graham Murray);
Mr. Graham Murray, by His Majesty’s Command, has 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.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then eighteen minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

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The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Air 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 Glasgow Corporation (Sewage) 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Convict National Schools, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant August, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Local Taxation Returns for Scotland, for the year 1900–3.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Irish Land Commissioners for the period from the 1st April 1903 to the 31st March 1904.

Copy of the Seventieth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland (being for the year 1903).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 the 31st March 1904, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers, Assistant Inspecting Officers, and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department of the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June last, for a Return relative to Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.), Vol. 159.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of July last, for a Return relative to Diplomatic Reports (Coal).

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of June last, for a Return relative to Continental Free Ports.

Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Alcoholic Beverages, 1903.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Canal Traffic Acts, 1888 and 1894, Cartage of Goods, 1894, and Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Railway and Canal Traffic Acts, 1888 and 1894, Railway Servants (Hours of Labour), and Weights and Measures, be printed.

Earl Percy presented, by His Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2222 to 2225.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Miscellaneous Series, No. 618.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Further Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of August 1904, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Wilt’s).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February 1900, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham); further Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (Gateshead County Borough); and further Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (Sunderland County Borough).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February 1900, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham); further Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of August 1896, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster); and Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Inquiry into Charities (County Borough of Oldham).

Ordered, that the said Returns be printed.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of all sums paid in the years 1902-3
and 1903-4, respectively, out of the money
arising from the Revenues of Cyprus, in
discharge of the interest upon the Turkish Loan
guaranteed by this country and France in 1855;
of all sums voted by Parliament during the
same period in aid of the administration of
Cyprus; and of the surplus remaining in each
year over and above the payments made, with
interest thereon (in continuation of Parlia-
mentary Paper, No. 352 of Session 1903).—
(Mr. N. Cardwell.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be pre-
sented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously
pleased to give directions that there be laid
before this House a Return showing which of
the Colonies have established systems of
graduated Income Tax, or of Income Tax
levied at different rates on earned and on
unearned Incomes, or both, with particulars in
each case of the rates of Tax and the system of
assessment and collection. — (Mr. Herbert
Samuel.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return of Salaries of Petty Sessions Clerks in
Ireland, in the following form:

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—(Mr. Louis Sinclair.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House
a Return (1) of the names, ages, occupations,
and dates of appointment of the present Members
of the Trinity House of Deptford Strand, of the
Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and of
the Commissioners of Irish Lights; and the
mode in which, or persons by whom, they were
respectively appointed, and the duration of their
office, distinguishing (in the case of the Elder
Brethren) those who have been in command of
vessels in the Royal Navy or Merchant Service
and the dates when they retired from those
services, and those who are in active service on
board Trinity House vessels; (2) of the amount
of remuneration, if any, received by each Member
while the three Boards during the last
financial year, whether in the form of salary,
allocation, or fees; (3) of the number of
stations, stations, salaries, and dates of appointment of the
principal Officers of the three Boards; (4) of the total
amounts of each Board, specifying the sources; (5) of the expenses of each Board, with the
percentage which these bear to income.—(Mr.
Charles M'Arthur.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from
Message had been brought from the Lords by the
one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office Post Office
Bill, with any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh and Edinburgh
District Water Order Confirmation Bill, without
any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow and Glasgow and
South Western Railway (Darvel and Lanark-
shire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Perth Corpora-
Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, with
Amendments; to which the Lords desire the
concourse of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Carlisle Corpo-
ration 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 Manchester Corpora-
tion (General Powers) Bill [Lords], without any
Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the De Trafford Estate
Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill [Lords], without any
Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Bristol Tramways
Extensions Bill [Lords], without any Amend-
ment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to amend the Acts relating to Electric Lighting; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicated Copies of Reports from the Select Committees on Supply of Electricity Bill, Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill, Sea Fisheries Bill, Chastney Trust, appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Evidence, Proceedings of the Committees, &c., as desired by this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) 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;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided,

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-]
Hood, [Mr. Fellowes:]
Yea.s. 149.

Tellers for the [Mr. Weir,]
Noes. [Mr. Caldwell:]
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Standing Order 24 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

Standing Order 26 was read, and amended, in line 4, by leaving out the words "Fisheries and.

Standing Order 26A was read, and amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the words "of this," the words "Board of Agriculture and.

In line 5, by leaving out the words "and "Harbour Department of the Board of Trade."

Standing Order 30 was read, and amended, at the end, by adding, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

Standing Order 33 was read, and amended, in paragraph (4), line 2, by leaving out the words "Fisheries and."

In paragraph (6), line 3, by inserting, after the words "of this," the words "Board of Agriculture and.

In paragraph (5), lines 3 and 4, by leaving out the words "and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade."

In paragraph (7), line 7, by leaving out the word "labouring" and inserting the word "working."

In paragraph (14), line 6, by inserting, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

In paragraph (14), at the end, by adding, after the word "Agriculture," the words "and Fisheries."

38. Ordered, That where any Bill contains a provision to extend or revive power to take compulsorily or by agreement any land in any local area as defined for the purposes of this Order, and such taking involves, or may involve, the taking in that area of any house or houses occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons of the working class residing therein, as tenants or lodgers, the Promoters shall deposit in the Private Bill Office, and at the office of the central authority, on or before the 21st day of December, a statement giving the description and postal address of each such house, its number on the deposited plans, the parish in which it is situate, and the number (so far as can be ascertained) of persons of the working class residing in it, and also a copy of so much of the deposited plans (if any) as relates thereto.

This Order shall not apply where a statement in pursuance of this Order was deposited in respect of the Act the powers of which are proposed to be revived or extended.

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(1) as respects London, the Administrative County of London;

(2) as respects England and Wales (outside London), any borough or other urban district, and elsewhere than in a borough or other urban district, any parish;

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The expression "central authority" means, as regards London, the Secretary of State for the Home Department; and as regards England and Wales, the Home Secretary, and as regards Scotland, the Secretary for Scotland; and as regards Ireland, the Local Government Board.

The expression "a Bill" includes a Bill confirming a Provisional Order.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 36 was read, and repealed.

Standing Order 76 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word "England," the words "or in Ireland."

In line 4, by inserting, after the word "oaths," the word "and."

In line 5, by leaving out from the word "and." to the end of the Standing Order.

Standing Order 54 was read, and amended, in line 11, by inserting, after the word "Agri-" the words "culture."

Standing Order 128 was read, and amended, in line 7, by inserting, after the word "Bills," the words "originating in this House.

Standing Order 133A was read, and amended, in line 1, by adding, at the end, the words—

"in, line 4, by inserting, after the word "by," the words "forty or more."

Standing Order 141 was read, and amended, in line 2, by inserting, after the word "England," the word "or Ireland."

Standing Order 184 was read, and amended, in line 2, by inserting, after the word "land)," the words "in Scotland or Ireland."

In paragraph (1), by leaving out from the second word "in," in line 3, to the second word "more," in line 3, and inserting the words "any house or."

In paragraph (1), line 4, by inserting, after the word "by," the words "thirty or more."

In paragraph (1), line 4, by leaving out the word "labouring" and inserting the word "working."

In line 15, by leaving out from the words "the Committee" to the word "Bill," in line 20.

Standing Order 207 was read, and amended, by adding, at the end, the words—

"Provided that where any such opposed "Private Business is set down to be taken at "the beginning of an Evening Sitting, and is "disposed of, any Motion contingent directly or "otherwise than may, with the assent of the "Chair, be considered and disposed of at the "same Sitting."

Standing Order 254A. Ordered, That where, under the provisions of Section 9 of the Procedure Act, a Confirmation Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee the Committee of this House shall consist of Three Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Explanation and amendment of 3 Edw. 7, c. 37, s. 48).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "for."

(Mr. Delany.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "Board," to insert the words "for."

(Mr. Delany.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, at the beginning, to insert the words "as the case of."

(Mr. Delany.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "entitled," to insert the words "on the purchase price was not exceed the average"

(Mr. Tully.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after "1890," to insert the words "the purchase price does not exceed the average."

(Mr. Tully.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words—

"(6) With the consent of the vendor or "removing a portion of the commission, or "bonus, namely, a sum calculated at the rate of "one and one-half per cent. on the gross amount of the "purchase-money and bonus, may be paid by "the Land Commission to the land clerk or."

(Mr. Tully.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "to the" to insert the words "the purchase-money of the estate by section."

(Mr. Tully.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.
Licensing Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out s. 6 to 9, inclusive.——(Mr. Higham.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ls. 16 and 17.—(Mr. Delany.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Followes.]

Yeas, [Viscount Valentia] 141.

Tellers for the [Mr. MacVeagh.]


Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Licensing Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 4, l. 27, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 4, l. 27, leave out from ("be") to the end of the subsection, and insert ("allocated to such purposes of public benefit not chargeable to the rates") as the "confirming authority determine"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 4, l. 38, after ("1874"), insert——

("(6) On the confirmation of a new on licence the confirming authority may, with the consent of the justices authorised to grant the licence, vary any conditions attached to the licence under the provisions of this section"). the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 5, l. 3, leave out from ("them") to ("shall"), in l. 6, and insert ("under this section and in any county") the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

The subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 5, l. 38, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

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The Lords' Amendment in p. 5, l. 38, after ("fund"), insert ("and of any sums paid in respect of new licences"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 6, l. 39, after ("session"), insert ("and so far as respects sums paid for new licences of the confirming authority"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Thus the remaining Lords' Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by the Lords to the said Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Secretary Amers-Douglass, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Whittaker.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee: And they are to withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Secretary Amers-Douglass.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans.

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.

The Public Works Loans 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Customs) Bill.

And the Question being again proposed:—

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being put:—

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The Prison (Scotland) Bill was, according to Prison Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Reformatory into a Committee on the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the said Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

The Public Works Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 5, l. 3, leave out from ("the") to ("shall"), insert ("under this section and in any county") the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 Third Reading of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Indian Councils Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 and No. 2 agreed to.

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 Bill 503, Committee be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Alkali, &c. Second Reading of the Alkali, &c. Works (Worship) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Light Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill Railways [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Weights and Measures Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cunard Agreement (Money) 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 Capital Expenditure (Money) 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 Anglo-French Convention [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any sums payable by way of indemnity pursuant to any Act of the present Session for approving and carrying into effect a Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic, and any expenses to be incurred in carrying the said Convention into effect.
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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Anglo-French Convention 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 Army Council Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clauses No. 1 to No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Two other Clauses added.

Bill, as amended, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Whale Fisheries (Scotland) Bill [Lords]:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Licensing Bill; That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 4, l. 27, and p. 5, l. 38 and 39, for the following Reasons:

Because the Amendments alter the allocation of payments applied by the Commons to the relief of rates.

And the Commons consider it unnecessary to offer any further Reason, hoping the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House were twice read, and agreed to.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then eight minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[No. 122.]
Friday, 12th August 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Carlisle Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Supply of Electricity Bill [Lords], which was communicated from the Lords upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill [Lords], which was communicated from the Lords upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 355.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sea Sea Fisheries Whales Bill [Lords], which was communicated from the Lords upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 356.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Chumten Chumten Trust, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 11th day of this instant August, be printed.

No. 357.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Training Colleges (Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of Manuscripts on the Manuscripts of J. B. Forster, Esquire, preserved at Dropmore. Vol. IV.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas also presented, Prisons Officers (Accommodation):—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Prisons Officers (Accommodation).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Loss of Life, His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return showing the Livor lost by Wreck, Drowning, or other Accident in British sea-going Merchant Ships registered in the United Kingdom during the years 1891 to 1903, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 1900]).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish presented,—Return to Cyprus, an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Cyprus.

Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of Alcohol this instant August, for a Return relative to (Exemption from Duty) Alcohol (Exemption from Duty).

No. 356.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of Political this instant August, for a Return relative to Officers (Pensions).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Victor Cavendish also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 12th August 1904, directing the application of moneys received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1904, in respect of the rights and interests of the Crown in the Fore-shores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Paper purporting a Return showing certain particulars with respect to the Population, Death Rate, and Pauperism in each Poor Law Union in London, and in the Poor Law Unions of Manchester, 3 H
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(C) Return of Benefices (if any) in respect of which Commissions were issued during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903, under the Pluralities Act, 1836, as amended by the Pluralities Act Amendment Act, 1885, and the Benefices Act, 1898:

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(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Copies of Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland (Ireland Act, 1898), and also, of Rules and Rules, made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under or in consequence of the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 360 of Session 1899, and Nos. 359 and 360 of Session 1900).—(Mr. Wyndham.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his City of Cork Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, Writ, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of Cork, in the room of William O'Brien, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said city, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chirntry Hundreds of Stoke, Deerborough, and Bandon, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Tolly.)

The Order of the day being read, for the East India Revenue Accounts:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on East India Revenue Accounts).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to Tibet the Question, by leaving out from the word Expedition, “That” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “in the opinion of this House, “a substantial proportion of the expenses of the armed mission to Tibet should be defrayed by the British Exchequer, as its objects, both politically and commercially, have been closely connected with, and its results will have a beneficial effect upon, Imperial interests and British trade.” — (Sir Mancheejee Bhownageree.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it appears from the Accounts presented to Parliament that in 1902–3 the Revenue of India amounted to £77,434,915; the Expenditure charged against Revenue to...
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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bishopric of Southwark and Birmingham Bishopric of 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. Victor Cavendish reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission] Bill, that it is expedient to authorise the remission of a certain Debt due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland from the Guardians of the Union of Belmullet, in the County of Mayo, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Local Loans.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans 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 Prisons (Scotland) 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wireless Telegraphy 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 the Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill (Lords.)

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill (Lords.), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords: and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Gerald Balfour reported from the Committee on Whale Fisheries (Scotland) [Expenses] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain expenses incurred by the Fishery Board for Scotland under any Act of the present Session to regulate Whale Fisheries in Scotland. The said Resolution being read a second time:—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Whale Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then five minutes after Eight of the clock, till To-morrow.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Public Command,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records (Ireland.)

Mr. Wyndham also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Registration (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Orders and Bales).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.  — No. 363.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by His Majesty's Vagrancy Command,—Copy of Report to the President of the Local Government Board on Methods of dealing with Vagrancy in Switzerland, by H. Preston Thomas, Esquire, Local Government Board Inspector.

Mr. Walter Long also presented,—Return to Pensions an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Pensions and Death Rate.  — No. 364.

Sir William Anson presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, of 10th August 1904, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, (a) relating Orders in Council of 5th May 1873 and 26th January 1904, relating to the remeasurement of French ships in this country; and (b) exempting from remeasurement in His Majesty's dominions French ships whose certificates of registry are dated on or after 1st July 1904.

Copy of Orders in Council, of 10th August 1904, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, Jurisdiction entitled, respectively, the Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1904, and the Zanzibar Order in Council, 1904.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Patents Act, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy 1902. of Order made by the Board of Trade in pursuance of Section 1 (11) of the Patents Act, 1899, fixing the date for the coming into operation of the section.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of Parliamentary Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House, and of no. 864. of Paper presented by Command, Session 1904, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto:—27th Parliament, Fifth Session, 4th Edward VII., 2nd February 1904 to 15th August 1904.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Local a Return showing the extent to which, and the Return manner in which, Local Authorities in England, (Education,) Wales and education have applied funds to the purposes and Wales of Technical Education, and of other forms of education other than elementary, during the year 1903-4, under the following Acts:—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1899; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; Public Libraries and Museums Acts; and Education Act, 1902.—(Sir William Anson.)

Alexander Findlay, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Lanark (North Eastern Division), was sworn.

[No. 123.]

Saturday, 13th August 1904.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Public Command,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records (Ireland.)

Mr. Wyndham also presented,—Return to an Local Order, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Registration (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Orders and Bales).

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Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Local a Return showing the extent to which, and the Return manner in which, Local Authorities in England, (Education,) and Wales have applied funds to the purposes of Education, and of other forms of Education other than elementary, during the year 1903-4, under the following Acts:—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1899; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; Public Libraries and Museums Acts; and Education Act, 1902.—(Sir William Anson.)

Alexander Findlay, Esquire, Member for the New Member County of Lanark (North Eastern Division), was sworn.
Resolved, That this House do meet on Monday next, at Five of the clock. (Mr. Balfour.)

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.

The Cunard Agreement ( Money) 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 Capital Expenditure ( Money) 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.

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 25th day of July 1904, between the Postmaster General and the Eastern and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for the conveyance of the East India, China, and Australia Mails, printed in Parliamentary Paper, No. 328 of Session 1904, be approved.—(Mr. Victor Cavendish.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 2nd day of this instant August, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then thirteen minutes after Two of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 124.]

Monday, 15th August 1904.

The House met at Five of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

S E V E R A L Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Education ( Ireland) (Commissioners’ Orders).

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Education ( Ireland) (Commissioners’ Orders).

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the Examination in Music.

Copy of additional Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland as to the French Course.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

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.

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which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Wireless Telegraphy Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Crooks, supported by Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Keir Hardie, and Mr. T. Dacres, moved—

That the Clerk do carry the Bill to enable Women to vote at all Parliamentary Elections: And the same was ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to 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 Commissions, 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 said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1904.
2. Railways (Private Siding) Act, 1904.
3. Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act, 1904.
5. University of Liverpool Act, 1904.
7. Leeds University Act, 1904.
12. Secretary for Scotland Act, 1904.
13. Indian Councils Act, 1904.
15. Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Act, 1904.
16. Shop Hours Act, 1904.
17. Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Act, 1904.
18. Licensing Act, 1904.
21. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1904.
22. Irish Land Act, 1904.
23. Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1904.
26. Education (Local Authority Default) Act, 1904.
29. Dean Forest (Mines) Act, 1904.
30. County of Suffolk Act, 1904.
32. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1904.
33. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1904.
34. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1904.
35. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1904.
36. Hamilton Gas Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
37. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1904.
38. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
39. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1904.
40. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1904.
41. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
42. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1904.
43. Dawler, Broughty Ferry, and District Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
44. Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
45. Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
46. Newburgh and North Fife Railway (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
47. Kirkcaldy Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
48. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
49. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1904.
50. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1904.
51. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1904.
52. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1904.
53. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1904.
54. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
55. Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1904.
56. Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
57. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1904.
58. Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1904.
59. Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1904.
60. Aberdeen City Improvements Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
61. Edinburgh and District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
62. Glasgow and South Western Railway (Darev and Lanarkshire Railway Transfer) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
63. Perth Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
64. Glasgow Corporation (Seawage) Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
65. Avr Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1904.
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67. Portmadoc, Beddgelert, and South Snowdon Railway Act, 1904.
68. Cardiff Railway Act, 1904.
69. Devizes Valley Water Act, 1904.
70. Great Western Railway Act, 1904.
71. London United Tramways Act, 1904.
72. Tottenham Improvement Act, 1904.
73. Barnet District Gas and Water Act, 1904.
74. Stretham, Raphoe, and Caenow Railway (Extension to Letterkenny) Act, 1904.
75. Surrey Commercial Docks Act, 1904.
76. Thames River Steamboat Service Act, 1904.
77. Tyne-side Tramways Act, 1904.
78. Tyne-side Tramways and Tramroads Act, 1904.
79. Holmwood Tramways Act, 1904.
80. Louthian Electric Power Act, 1904.
81. Great Yarmouth Corporation Act, 1904.
82. King's College Hospital Act, 1904.
83. Lords Corporation (Waterworks) Railway Act, 1904.
84. Manchester Corporation Tramways Act, 1904.
85. Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1904.
86. North Wales Electric Power Act, 1904.
87. West Riding Tramways Act, 1904.
88. Felixstowe Gas Act, 1904.
89. Rotherham Tramways and Improvement Act, 1904.
90. South Shields Gas Act, 1904.
91. London and India Docks Company Act, 1904.
94. Saddleworth and Springhead Tramways Act, 1904.
95. Bridlington Corporation Act, 1904.
96. Bristol Corporation Act, 1904.
98. Trafford Park Act, 1904.
100. Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Act, 1904.
103. North, Pontardawe, and Brynamman Railway Act, 1904.
104. London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Act, 1904.
105. Rotherham Corporation Act, 1904.
106. Selby Urban District Council Act, 1904.
108. Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Act, 1904.
110. Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Act, 1904.
111. Oakengates and Dawley Joint Water Board Act, 1904.
112. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Steam Vessels) Act, 1904.
113. Leyton Urban District Council Act, 1904.
114. Lock Lezen Water Power (Amendment) Act, 1904.
117. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1904.

118. Carlisle Corporation Act, 1904.
119. Lord Skelgir's Supplemental Estate Act, 1904.
120. De Trafford Estate Act, 1904.

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious King's Speech.

Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of His Majesty's Commands), as follows:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be of a satisfactory character. I have paid visits to the King of Denmark at Copenhagen and to the German Emperor at Kiel. My reception was in each case of the most cordial description.

Agreements have been entered into between My Government and that of the French Republic for the settlement of a series of questions involving the interests of both countries in different parts of the world. These Agreements will not only be advantageous in themselves to all concerned, but will have the effect of materially strengthening the ties of friendship which now so happily unite My subjects and the citizens of the French Republic.

Agreements for referring certain classes of questions to Arbitration have been concluded between My Government and the Governments of Italy, Spain, and Germany.

The King of Italy has pronounced his arbitral award with regard to the Boundary between My Colony of British Guiana and the United States of Brazil, with the result that a long-standing cause of difficulty between the Colony and the neighbouring Republic has been satisfactorily removed. Arrangements will be made at once for putting the award into effect.

The military operations in Somaliland have ended in the infliction of a severe defeat upon the Mullah's forces, and, with the exception of a temporary garrison to cover the work of organizing the tribes with a view to their own defence, My troops and those of the Emperor Menelik, who were acting in co-operation with them, have been withdrawn.

Hostilities are, I regret to say, still in progress between Russia and Japan. Upon the outbreak of the war His Majesty issued a Proclamation declaring My neutrality, and enjoining upon all My people the strict observance thereof. Important questions involving the treatment of neutral commerce at the hands of belligerents have arisen in connection with these operations. The issues involved, which are of the gravest moment to the trade of My Empire, will, I trust, be amicably settled, and without prejudice to the vast commercial interests of this country.

My Government will energetically support My subjects in the exercise of the rights recognised by international law as belonging to neutrals.

The scheme for the reorganisation of the Macedonian gendarmerie has been put into operation, and the Foreign Officers appointed by the Powers are now employed in the areas assigned to them. Their efforts, under the able direction of General de Giorgis Pasha, promise satisfactory results. A scheme for the reform of the title system has been elaborated by the Civil Agents, and has been applied experimentally in certain districts.

On the advice of My Government I have decided to sanction the introduction of an elective element into the Legislative Council of the Transvaal, and I trust that all classes of My subjects in that Colony will unite in rendering this step in the direction of ultimate self-government conducive to the welfare and development of this part of My Dominions.
The political mission which, with the concurrence of the Chinese Government, I found it necessary to dispatch into Thibetan territory, in order to secure the due observance of the Convention of 1890 relating to Sikkim and Thibet, has encountered some resistance in its advance. Its safe arrival at Lhasa affords me the greatest satisfaction, and reflects the highest credit on the officers and men composing the small force employed. I trust that, by conference with the Thibetan authorities, in conjunction with the Chinese representative at Lhasa, terms may be arranged which will facilitate trade and put an end to the difficulty and friction which have arisen on the northern frontier of My Indian Empire.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,
I thank you for the satisfactory provision which you made for the requirements of the public service.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
I have been glad to note the attention which you have given to the important questions affecting the reorganisation of My Army and its central administration. I trust that these reforms will conduce to the defensive strength of My Empire.

The enactments contained in the measure for reducing the number of existing Licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for regulating new grants, constitute a sensible improvement of the present law, and, while calculated to further the cause of temperance and public order, avoid any injustice to those interests which have grown up under the prevailing system.

My assent has been given to a Bill for securing that the educational reforms embodied in the Act of 1902 shall be impartially applied for the benefit of all children attending public elementary schools in England and Wales.

A measure has been passed to give approval to the arrangements which are included in the Convention which I have entered into with the Government of the French Republic.

A Bill designed to facilitate the earlier closing of Shops throughout the United Kingdom has received My assent.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest upon all your labours.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,
By virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty’s Name, and in obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the third day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the third day of November next.
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**ARMY.**

25 February:

**ARMY (SUPPLEMENTARY) ESTIMATES, 1903-4.**

**ARMY SERVICES.**

That a supplementary sum not exceeding £2,700,000 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 additional expenditure in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:

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10 March:

**Afternoon Sitting.**

**Land Forces, not exceeding 227,000, all ranks, 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 1905**

(Report deferred, 84, 87.)

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**Class I.**

- Harbours under the Board of Trade (to complete)  

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**12 May:**

**Afternoon Sitting.**

**CLASS II.**

Lunacy Commission (to complete) - - - - -

Evening Sitting.

**REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.**

Post Office Services (to complete) - - - - -

(Post deferred, 190, 206, 211, 214, 218, 226, 234, 245, 249, 257, 266, 279, 287, 300, 310, 321, 338, 348, 354, 362, 379, 385, 393.)

**31 May:**

**REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.**

Customs - - - - - - - - - - -

Inland Revenue - - - - - - - - - - -

**CLASS I.**

Post Office and Post Office Telegraph Buildings (to complete)


**16 June:**

**CLASS II.**

Board of Trade (to complete) - - - - - - -

(Report deferred, 249, 257, 266, 279, 287, 300, 310, 321, 338, 348, 362, 380, 385, 393.)

**23 June:**

**CLASS II.**

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) (to complete) - - - - - - -

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CIVIL SERVICES, &c.—continued.

9 August—continued.

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The Chairman then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in each Class of the Civil Service Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and the total amount of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Navy, Army, and Revenue Departments, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

CLASS I.

2. That a sum not exceeding £1,088,788 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Services, included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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Total: £1,088,788

CLASS II.

3. That a sum not exceeding £1,263,014 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class II. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

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CIVIL SERVICES, &c.—continued.

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CLASS II.—continued.

20. Public Record Office - - - - - - - - 14,965 - -
21. Public Works Loan Commission - - - - - - 7 - -
22. Registrar General's Office - - - - - - - - 22,146 - -
23. Stationery and Printing - - - - - - - - 404,362 - -
24. Woods, Forests, &c., Office of - - - - - - 13,171 - -
25. Works and Public Buildings Office - - - - - - 39,649 - -
26. Secret Service - - - - - - - - 25,000 - -

SCOTLAND.

27. Secretary for Scotland's Office - - - - - - - - 10,495 - -
28. Fishery Board - - - - - - - - 10,155 - -
29. Lunacy Commission - - - - - - - - 3,423 - -
30. Registrar General's Office - - - - - - - - 2,732 - -

IRELAND.

32. Lord Lieutenant's Household - - - - - - - - 2,826 - -
33. Chief Secretary for Ireland, Offices - - - - - - 14,571 - -
35. Charitable Donations and Bequests Office (including a supplementary sum of £130) - - - - - - 1,148 - -
36. Local Government Board - - - - - - - - 37,886 - -
37. Public Record Office, Ireland - - - - - - - - 3,254 - -
38. Public Works Office - - - - - - - - 21,773 - -
39. Registrar General's Office - - - - - - - - 6,716 - -
40. Valuation and Boundary Survey - - - - - - - - 13,207 - -

CLASS III.

4. That a sum not exceeding £2,016,511 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

1. Law Charges - - - - - - - - 35,232 - -
2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses - - - - - - - - 22,199 - -
3. Supreme Court of Judicature - - - - - - - - 177,515 - -
4. Land Registry - - - - - - - - 28,827 - -
5. County Courts - - - - - - - - 23,000 - -
6. Police, England and Wales - - - - - - - - 25,854 - -
7. Prisons, England and the Colonies - - - - - - - - 375,762 - -
8. Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain - - - - - - - - 113,957 - -
9. Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum - - - - - - - - 21,701 - -
5. That a sum not exceeding £7,110,267 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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CIVIL SERVICES, &c.—continued.

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CLASS V.

6. That a sum not exceeding £1,130,288 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 1905 for expenditure on the following Services, included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Diplomatic and Consular Services
2. British Protectorates in Uganda, &c.
3. Colonial Services
4. Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable
5. Treasury Chest Fund

CLASS VI.

7. That a sum not exceeding £341,246 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances
2. Merchant Seamen’s Fund Pensions
3. Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances
4. Hospitals and Charities, Ireland

CLASS VII.

8. That a sum not exceeding £63,497 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Temporary Commissions
2. Miscellaneous Expenses
3. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund
4. Saint Louis Exhibition, 1904
5. Ireland Development Grant
6. Repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund

Revenue Department Estimates, 1904–5.

11. That a sum not exceeding £536,420 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 1905 for expenditure in respect of the following Service, included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

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