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### ADMINISTRATOR:

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### THE MINISTRY.

Promier and Treasurer Minister for Lands, Immigration, and Health ... Attorney General and Minister for Education\*... Minister for Railways, Mines, Police, Forests, and Industry Minister for Public Works and Labour ... Chief Secretary\* and Minister for Country Water Supplies and Trading Concerns Minister for Agriculture Hon. PEROY DOUGLAS FEBGUSON, M.L.A.

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The portfolios of Chief Secretary and Minister for Education were held by the Hon. N. Keenan, K.C., until 19th September, 1931, on which date he resigned from the Ministry.

### THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT-FIRST SESSION-THIRD PERIOD.

President: Hon. Sir John Waters Kirwan, Kt.B. Chairman of Committees: HON. JAMES CORNELL.

No.	Member.	Province.	Year of Election.	Date of Retirement.
ı	Allsop, Hon. Frederick William	North-East	1930	1936
2	Baxter, Hon. Charles Farquharson	East	1926	1932
3	Cornell, Hon. James	South	1930	1936
4	Drew, Hon. John Michael	Central	1930	1936
5	Ewing, Hon. John	South-West	1930	1936
6	Franklin, Hon. James Thomas, C.M.G.	Metropolitan	1928	1934
7	Fraser, Hon. Gilbert	West	1928	1934
8	Glasheen, Hon. William Thomas	South-East	1926	1932
9	Gray, Hon. Edmund Harry	West	1926	1932
10	Hall, Hon. Edmund Henry Hartley	Central	1928	1934
11	Hamersley, Hon. Vernon	East	1928	1934
12	Harris, Hon. Edgar Henry	North-East	1926	1932
13	Holmes, Hon. John Joseph	North	1926	1932
14	Kempton, Hon. George Adam	Central	1926	1932
15	Kirwan, Hon. Sir John Waters, Kt.B.	South	1926	1932
16	*Kitson, Hon. William Henry	West	1930	1936
17	Lathlain, Hon. Sir William Francis Kt.B.	Metropolitan-Suburban	1926	1932
18	Lovekin, Hon. Arthur	Metropolitan	1930	1936
19	Macfarlane, Hon. James Mortimer	Metropolitan-Suburban	1930	1936
20	Mann, Hon. William Joseph	South-West	1926	1932
21	Miles, Hon. Geo. W	North	1930	1936
22	Nathan, Hon. Sir Charles Samuel, Kt.B.	Metropolitan-Suburban	1930	1934
23	*Nicholson, Hon. John, O.B.E	Metropolitan	1926	1932
24	Rose, Hon. Edwin	South-West	1928	1934
25	Seddon, Hon. Harold	North-East	1928	1934
26	Thomson, Hon, Alexander	South-East	1931	1936
27	Williams, Hon. Charles Bennett	South	1928	1934
28	Wittencom, Hon. Sir Edward Horne, K.C.M.G.	North	1928	1934
29	Wittencom, Hon. Charles Horne	South-East	1928	1934
30	Yelland, Hon. Herbert John, B.So. (Agric.)	East	1930	1936

<sup>\*</sup> Temporary Chairmen of Committees. † Elected 26th September, 1931, in place of Hon. Hector Stewart, deceased.

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Collier, Hon. Philip		•••		***	***		Boulder
Corboy, Edwin Wilkie			•••	•••	•••	•••	Yilgarn-Coolgardie
Coverley, Aubrey Augustus Mich		•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	Kimberley
Cunningham, Hon. James		•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	Kalgoorlie
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## PUBLIC STATUTES OF THE SESSION (33).

## FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT-FIRST SESSION-THIRD PERIOD.

- Appropriation Act No. 3 (22 Geo. V., No. 53)— Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 18th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Companies Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 48)—
  An Act to make special provision in the Companies Act, 1893, for the modification or alteration or abatement of preferential or cumulative rights in relation to shares. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 12th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Debt Conversion Agreement No. 2 (27 Geo. V.. No. 46)—
  An Act to approve a further agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part, and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh parts respectively, relating to the conversion of the internal public debts of the Commonwealth and the States. Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 18th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Dividend Duties Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 47)—
  An Act to amend Sections 6 and 8 of the Dividend Duties Act, 1902. Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 14th October, 1931. Assent given.
- Dried Fruits Act Continuance Act (23 Geo. V., No. 32)—
  An Act to continue the operation of the Dried Fruits Act, 1926. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. P. D. Ferguson), 11th August, 1931. Assent given.
- Electoral Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 38)—
  An Act to amend Section 70 of the Electoral Act, 1907. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. J. Cornell, 13th October, 1931. Assent given.
- Electric Lighting Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 54)—
  An Act to amend the Electric Lighting Act, 1892. Introduced by the Attorney
  General (Ilon. T. A. L. Davy), 12th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Firearms and Guns Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 25)—
  An Act to amend Section 4 of the Firearms and Guns Act, 1931. Introduced by
  the Minister for Police (Hon. J. Scaddan), 6th October, 1931. Assent given.
- Forests Act Amendment Act No. 2 (29 Geo. V., No. 11)—
  An Act to continue the operation of Section 41 of the Forests Act, 1918 (No. 8 of 1919), as amended by Section 2 of the Forests Act Amendment Act, 1924 (No. 31 of 1924), by Section 2 of the Forests Act Amendment Act, 1927 (No. 9 of 1927), and by Section 2 of the Forests Act Amendment Act, 1930 (No. 28 of 1930). Introduced by the Premier (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 17th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Hospital Fund Act Amendment Act (32 Geo. V., No. 55)—
  An Act to amend Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the Hospital Fund Act, 1930, and to make provision in regard to relief of certain persons from liability for payment for hospital services. Introduced by the Minister for Health (Hon. C. G. Latham), 21st November, 1931. Assent given.
- Industries Assistance Act Continuouse Act No. 2 (23 Geo. V., No. 45)—
  An Act to continue the operations of the Industries Assistance Act, 1918. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 2nd December, 1931. Assent given.
- Insurance Companies Act Amendment Act (?? Geo. V., No. 52)—
  An Act to amend Section 3 of the Insurance Companies Act, 1918. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 2nd December, 1931. Assent given.

- Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. U., No. 24)—
  An Act to make provision in the Interstate Destitute Persons Relief Act, 1912, whereby a territory of the Commonwealth of Australia and a territory governed by the said Commonwealth under a mandate shall be deemed to be a State in the said Commonwealth for the purposes of the said Act. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 29th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Land Act Amendment Act No. 2 (C2 Geo. V., No. 51)—
  An Act to provide for the adjustment of and otherwise relating to rental of pastoral leases granted under the Land Act, 1898, and its amendments; and also to provide for the giving of preference to agricultural students selecting land; and also to authorise an enlargement of the area of certain free homestead farms granted under the said Act and its amendments. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. C. G. Latham), 20th October, 1931. Assent given.
- Land Agents Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 40)—
  An Act to amend Subsection 3 of Section 4 of the Land Agents Act, 1921. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 28th October, 1931.
  Assent given.
- Land and Income Tolx Assessment Act Amendment Act No. 3 (22 Geo. V., No. 42)—
  An Act to amend Section 55 of the Land and Income Tax, 1907-1924. Introduced
  by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 12th November, 1931. Assent
  given.
- Land Tax and Income Tax Act No. 3 (22 Geo. V., No. 35)—
  An Act to impose a land tax and an income tax. Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 14th October, 1931. Assent given.
- Licensing Act Amendment Act No. 3 (22 Geo. V., No. 36)—
  An Act to amend Section 43 of the Licensing Act, 1911. Introduced by Hon. W. D. Johnson, 30th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Licensing Act Amendment Act No. 4 (22 Geo. V., No. 27)—
  An Act to amend Section 204 of the Licensing Act, 1911. Introduced by Mr. H.
  W. Mann, 6th October, 1931. Assent given.
- Licensing Act Amendment Act, No. 6 (22 Geo. V., No. 49)—
  An Act to amend Section 62 of the Licensing Act, 1911. Introduced by Mr. H. W. Mann, 19th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Loan Act No. 2 (32 Geo. V., No. 44)—
  An Act to authorise the raising of a sum of £2,450,000 by loan for the construction of certain public works and for other purposes. Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 10th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Local Courts Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 31)—
  An Act to amend Section 70 of the Local Courts Act, 1904-1930. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 29th September, 1931. Assent given.
- Poor Persons' Legal Assistance Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 28)—
  An Act to amend Subsection 3 of Section 7, and Section 13 of the Poor Persons'
  Legal Assistance Act, 1928. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L.
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- Reserves Act No. 3 (22 Geo. V., No. 23)—

  An Act to revest a certain reserve in His Majesty and to change the purposes of and otherwise relating to certain other reserves. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hou. C. G. Latham), 30th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Roads Closure Act. No. 2 (22 Geo. V., No. 30)— An Act for the closure of certain roads and of portions of certain roads. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. C. G. Latham), 30th November, 1931. Assent given.
- Salvation Army (Western Australia) Property Trust Act (22 Geo. V., No. 34)—An Act to provide for the temporal affairs of the Salvation Army in the State of Western Australia. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 21st October, 1931. Assent given.
- Stamp Act Amendment Act, No. 4 (23 Geo. V., No. 39)—
  An Act to amend the Stamp Act, 1921-1930. Introduced by the Treasurer (Hop. Sir James Mitchell), 14th October, 1931. Assent given.

- State Savings Bank Transfer Act (22 Geo. V., No. 26)-
  - An Act to approve an agreement between the State of Western Australia and the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia concerning the transfer by the said State of the business and assets of the State Savings Bank to the said Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, and for purposes incidental thereto. Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 29th September, 1931. Assent given.
- Supply Act, £950,000, No. 4 (22 Geo. V., No. 23)— Introduced by the Treasurer (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 29th September, 1931. Assent given.
- Swanbourne Reserve Act (22 Geo. V., No. 37)—
  An Act to authorise the excision from Reserve A7804 of certain lands comprised therein, and the disposal of such lands, and for other matters incidental thereto. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. C. G. Latham), 14th May, 1931. Assent given.
- Tenants, Purchasers, and Mortgagors' Relief Act Amendment Act, No. 1 (22 Geo. V., No. 48)—
  - An Act to amend Section 29 of the Tenants, Purchasers, and Mortgagors' Relief Act, 1931. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 19th November, 1931. Assent given.
- University Buildings Act Amendment Act (22 Geo. V., No. 50)—
  An Act to amend Section 7 of the University Buildings Act, 1930. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 2nd December, 1931. Assent given.
- Vermin Act Amendment Act, No. 2 (22 Geo. V., No. 38)—
  An Act to amend Section 100A of the Vermin Act, 1908. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 14th October, 1931. Assent given.

## PUBLIC BILLS OF THE SESSION (15).

## Introduced but not passed.

### FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT-FIRST SESSION-THIRD PERIOD.

Bills of Sale Act Amendment Bill-

A Bill to make special provision in the Bills of Sale Act, 1899, to facilitate and encourage the making of advances to farmers for special purposes. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy) and second reading moved on 2nd December, 1931. Debated on the 3rd December, and discharged from the Notice Paper on 4th December, 1931.

City of Perth Endowment Lands Act Amendment Bill-

A Bill to amend the City of Perth Endowment Lands Act, 1920. Introduced by Mr. H. W. Mann, 15th October, 1930. Second reading moved 3rd December, 1930, and further debated 10th December, 1930. Discharged from the Notice Paper, 2nd December, 1931.

Criminal Code Amendment Bill— Introduced by Mr. H. W. Mann, 8th October, 1931, and not further proceeded with. Discharged from the Notice Paper, 2nd December, 1931.

Deeds of Separation Allowances Reduction Bill-

A Bill to make temporary provision for empowering the Supreme Court to reduce the amount of periodical payments secured to any wife by any deed of separation. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. J. Nicholson, 17th November, 1931. Received in the Assembly, 2nd December and defeated on the same day on motion by Mr. Parker that the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Financial Emergency Act Amendment Bill—
A Bill to amend Sections 14, 15, and 22 of the Financial Emergency Act, 1931.
Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 24th November, 1931.
Received in the Council 3rd December, 1931. The Council amended Clause 2 by striking out the paragraphs to make it certain that every order had the effect of varying an award so far as everyone thereby bound was concerned, and giving discretion to the court in limiting the extent of the order. The Assembly declined to agree to the Council's amendments and the amendments were referred to a conference. The conference managers failed to agree.

Industrial Arbitration Act Amendment Bill (No. 2)-

A Bill to amend Section 3 of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1930. Introduced by Hon. A. McCallum, 19th November, 1931. Received in the Council, 2nd December, 1931, and defeated on motion by Hon. A. Thomson ("That the question be not now put''), 3rd December, 1931.

Land and Income Tax Assessment Act Amendment Bill (No. 2)-

A Bill to amend Section 31 of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act, 1907-1924. Introduced by Mr. Sampson, 1st July, 1931. Second reading moved 26th November, 1931. Defeated 1st December, 1931.

Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 2)—
A Bill to amend Section 61 of the Licensing Act, 1911. Introduced by Mr. H. W. Mann, 1st July, 1931. Defeated in Committee, 12th November, 1931.

Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 5)—
A Bill to amend Subsection 3 of Section 223 of the Licensing Act, 1911. Introduced by Hon. J. C. Willcock, 4th November, 1931. Defeated on the second reading, 12th November, 1931.

Premium Bonds Bill-

A Bill to provide for the issue of premium bonds on the Starr-Bowkett system and for other relative purposes. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. A. Lovekin, 26th November, 1930. Received in the Assembly 4th December, 1930, and debated on the 17th December, 1930. Discharged from the Notice Paper, 2nd December, 1931.

Secession Referendum Bill-

A Bill to submit to a referendum a question in relation to the withdrawal of the State of Western Australia from the Federal Commonwealth, established under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (Imperial). Introduced by the Premier (Hon. Sir James Mitchell), 18th November, 1931. The Bill was amended in the Assembly to provide for the inclusion of an additional question to be referred to the people relating to the holding of a Convention. Received in the Council, 1st December, 1931. The Bill was there amended to provide for the taking of the referendum within six months of the passing of the Act. The Assembly declined to make the amendment and a conference followed. The conference managers failed to agree and the Bill was lost.

Tenants Protection Bill-

A Bill to provide for the protection of such occupiers and tenants of dwelling houses as are unemployed or in straitened circumstances, and for other incidental purposes. Introduced by Mr. Sleeman, 29th September, 1931. Defeated on the second reading, 12th November, 1931.

Tenants, Purchasers, and Mortgagors' Relief Act Amendment Bill (No. 2)—
A Bill to amend the Tenants, Purchasers, and Mortgagors' Relief Act, 1930
Introduced by Mr. Sleeman, 26th November, 1931. Defeated in Committee, 2nd December, 1931.

Transfer of Land Bill-

A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the simplification of the Title to and the dealing with estates in land. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 21st October, 1931. Not further proceeded with and discharged from the Notice Paper, 2nd December, 1931.

Winning Bets Tax Bill-

A Bill to impose a tax upon the moneys derived from certain winning bets and to provide for the collection of such hets. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. T. A. L. Davy), 9th October, 1930. Second reading moved 16th October. Discharged from the Notice Paper, 2nd December, 1931.

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