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GOVERNOR :

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THIRD PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

THIRD PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

President :—The Hon. Sir GEORGE SHENTON, Kt.

Member.	Date of Election.	Province.
1. Alexander, The Honourable William	25th July, 1895	Central
2. Briggs, The Honourable Henry	30th June, 1896	West
3. Burges, The Honourable Richard Goldsmith	16th July, 1894	East
4. Congdon, The Honourable Daniel Keen	"	West
5. Crowder, The Honourable Frederick Thomas	"	South-East
6. Dempster, The Honourable Charles Edward	"	East
7. Hackett, The Honourable John Winthrop	"	South-West
8. Haynes, The Honourable Samuel Johnson	"	South-East
9. Haynes, The Honourable Richard Septimus	27th July, 1896	Central
10. Henning, The Honourable Arthur Harriot	29th June, 1897	North-East
11. Kidson, The Honourable Alfred Bowman	18th July, 1895	West
12. Matheson, The Honourable Alexander Percival	29th June, 1897	North-East
13. McKay, The Honourable Donald McDonald	27th July, 1896	North
14. McLarty, The Honourable Edward	16th July, 1894	South-West
15. Parsons, The Honourable Harold George	29th June, 1897	North-East
16. Piesse, The Honourable Charles Austin	16th July, 1894	South-East
17. Randell, The Honourable George	23rd May, 1897	Metropolitan
18. Richardson, The Honourable John Elliot	16th July, 1894	North
19. Saunders, The Honourable Henry John	"	Metropolitan
20. Shenton, The Honourable Sir George, Kt. (President)	"	Metropolitan
21. Spencer, The Honourable William	27th July, 1896	South-West
22. Stone, The Honourable Frank Mends	16th July, 1894	North
23. Taylor, The Hon. John Howard	27th July, 1896	East
24. Wittenoom, The Honourable Edward Horne	16th July, 1896	Central

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

Speaker:—The Honourable Sir JAS. G. LEE STEERE, Kt.

Chairman of Committees:—CHARLES HARPER, Esq.

Member.	When Elected.	District.
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9. Gregory, Henry, Esq.	May, 1897	North Coolgardie
10. Hall, Henry Lyall, Esq.	May, 1897	Perth
11. Harper, Charles, Esq.	April, 1897	Beverley
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13. Higham, John Joseph, Esq.	May, 1897	Fremantle
14. Holmes, Joseph John, Esq.	May, 1897	East Fremantle
15. Hooley, Edward Timothy, Esq.	May, 1897	DeGrey —
16. Hubble, George Yorke, Esq.	May, 1897	Gascoyne —
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23. Locke, Ernest Charles Savage, Esq.	May, 1897	Sussex
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36. Simpson, George Thomas, Esq.	May, 1897	Geraldton
37. Solomon, Elias, Esq.	May, 1897	South Fremantle
38. Steere, The Hon. Sir James George Lee, Kt.	May, 1897	Nelson
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40. Venn, The Hon. Harry Whittall	May, 1897	Wellington
41. Vosper, Frederic Charles Burleigh, Esq.	May, 1897	North-East Coolgardie
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43. Wilson, Frank, Esq.	May, 1897	Canning
44. Wood, Barrington Clarke, Esq.	May, 1897	West Perth

* Seat declared vacant 27th October; re-elected 5th November, 1897.

PUBLIC STATUTES OF THE SESSION.

THIRD PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

ABORIGINES ACT (61 Vict., No. 5)—

An Act to further amend the Constitution Act of 1889, and for the better Protection of the Aboriginal Race of Western Australia. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 4th November; Assent reserved.]

AGRICULTURAL LANDS PURCHASE ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 34)—

An Act to amend the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act, 1896. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 9th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

APPROPRIATION ACT (61 Vict., No. 21)—

An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and from Moneys to the Credit of the General Loan Fund to the Services of the Year ending the last day of June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 20th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

AUCTIONEERS ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 11)—

An Act to further amend the Auctioneers Act, 1873. [Introduced in the Council by the Hon. A. H. Henning, 1st December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

BUNBURY RACECOURSE RAILWAY ACT (61 Vict., No. 16)—

An Act to authorise the Construction of a Railway from the Bunbury-Boyanup Railway to the Bunbury Racecourse. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Attorney General, 17th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

CEMETERIES ACT (61 Vict., No. 23)—

An Act to provide for the Regulation of Cemeteries. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

CIRCUIT COURTS ACT (61 Vict., No. 28)—

An Act for the holding of Courts at places distant from the Court House of the Supreme Court. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

CITY OF PERTH TRAMWAYS ACT (61 Vict., No. 30)—

An Act to confirm a provisional order authorising the Construction of Tramways in the City of Perth. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Commissioner of Railways, 20th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

COLLIE QUARRY RAILWAY ACT (61 Vict., No. 17)—

An Act to authorise the Construction of a Railway from the South-Western Railway to the Collie Quarry. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Attorney General, 17th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 35)—

An Act to amend the Companies Act, 1893. [Introduced in the Council by the Hon. H. G. Parsons, 2nd November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

EMPLOYMENT BROKERS ACT (61 Vict., No. 24)—

An Act for the Regulation of Employment Brokers. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

EXCESS ACT (61 Vict., No. 6)—

An Act to confirm certain Expenditure for the Year ending 30th June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier and Treasurer, 2nd November; Assented to, 14th December.]

EXCESS ACT (61 Vict., No. 36)—

An Act to confirm certain Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1897. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier and Treasurer, 23rd November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

FREMANTLE-OWEN'S ANCHORAGE RAILWAY ACT (61 Vict., No. 31)—

An Act to authorise the Construction of a Railway from Fremantle to Owen's Anchorage. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Commissioner of Railways, 21st December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

HAWKERS AND PEDLARS ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 7)—

An Act to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 10th November; Assented to, 14th December.]

HIGH SCHOOL ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 12)—

An Act to amend the High School Act, 1876. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 23rd November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS ACT (61 Vict., No. 26)—

An Act to provide Statistics of Agricultural, Pastoral, and other Industries. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT (61 Vict., No. 13)—

An Act to place certain Restrictions on Immigration. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 8th November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

IMPORTED LABOUR REGISTRY ACT (61 Vict., No. 27)—

An Act to provide for the Registration of certain Persons who shall be imported into Western Australia for Employment within the territorial Dominion thereof, and for certain other matters in connection therewith. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 8th November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

KALGOORLIE-GNUMBALLA LAKE AND BOULDER TOWNSITE LOOP RAILWAYS ACT (61 Vict., No. 18)—

An Act to authorise the Construction of a Railway from Kalgoorlie to Gnumbulla Lake, and also a Loop Railway from the Kalgoorlie-Gnumbulla Lake Line to the Boulder Townsite. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Attorney General, 17th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

LADY BROOME ANNUITY ACT (61 Vict., No. 15)—

An Act to secure an Annuity to Dame Mary Ann Broome for life. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 17th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

LOANS REAPPROPRIATION ACT (61 Vict., No. 9)—

An Act for the Reappropriation of portions of certain Moneys appropriated by the Loan Act of 1896, and by the Loan Consolidation Act of 1896, respectively. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 22nd November; Assented to, 14th December.]

LOCAL INSCRIBED STOCK ACT (61 Vict., No. 8)—

An Act to provide for the issue to the Public of Local Inscribed Stock, and for the Application of the Moneys therein invested. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 10th November; Assented to, 14th December.]

MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ACT (61 Vict., No. 33)—

An Act to permit Mining on Private Property. [Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Quinlan, 20th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 32)—

An Act to further amend the Railways Act, 1878. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Attorney General, 21st December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

REGISTRATION OF FIRMS ACT (61 Vict., No. 14)—

An Act to provide for the Registration of Firms. [Introduced in the Council by the Hon. G. Randell, 26th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

ROADS AND STREETS CLOSURE ACT (61 Vict., No. 29)—

An Act to authorise the Closing of certain Roads and Streets. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Director of Public Works, 24th November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

SALE OF LIQUORS ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 25)—

An Act to amend the Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Amendment Act, 1884. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

SHARKS BAY PEARLSHELL FISHERY ACT AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict., No. 19)—

An Act to extend the provisions of the Sharks Bay Pearlshell Fishery Act, 1892, to other places. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 17th December; Assented to, 23rd December.]

STEAM BOILERS ACT (61 Vict., No. 22)—

An Act to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam Boilers. [Introduced in the Council by the Minister of Mines, 13th October; Assented to, 23rd December.]

SUPPLY ACT (61 Vict., No. 10)—

An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Three hundred and fifty thousand pounds to the service of the year ending the 30th June, 1898. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 29th November; Assented to, 14th December.]

WORKMEN'S LIEN ACT (61 Vict., No. 20)—

An Act to give greater Security to Workmen for obtaining Payment of their Wages. [Introduced in the Assembly by the Attorney General, 24th November; Assented to, 23rd December.]

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PERTH GAS COMPANY'S ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT ACT (61 Vict.)—

An Act to further amend the Perth Gas Company's Act, 1886, and for other purposes. [Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Leake, 26th October; Assented to, 8th November.]

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[Introduced in the Council by the Hon. A. B. Kidson; in the Assembly, after 1r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

BILLS OF SALE BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Ewing (for Mr. James), 22nd November; after 2r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

COMPANIES (United Kingdom and British Colonies Registers) BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. A. Forrest, 21st December; ruled out of order, 23rd December.]

CRIMINAL APPEAL BILL—

[Introduced in the Council by the Hon. A. B. Kidson, 18th November; after 2r., Order discharged, 15th December.]

CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 13th December; after 1r., Order discharged, 21st December.]

DENTISTS ACT (1894) AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Ewing, 22nd November; after 1r., Order discharged, 8th December.]

DIVORCE ACT AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Ewing, 22nd November; 2r. debated, but Bill not proceeded with after 8th December.]

DOG ACT (1893) AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; passed 3r. in both Houses, but abandoned in the Assembly after the Council had sent back amendments a second time, which the Assembly did not agree to, 14th December.]

EARLY CLOSING BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Walter James, 10th November; in the Council, rejected on 2r. division, 21st December.]

FIRE BRIGADES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Attorney General, 13th December; after 1r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

HOMESTEADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, 20th December; 2r. debated, but Bill not proceeded with after 20th December.]

JURY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 13th October; referred to Select Committee and reported upon, but withdrawn, 29th November.]

JURY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Council (previous Bill withdrawn in Assembly), by Hon. R. S. Haynes, 16th December; after 1r., not proceeded with.]

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Higham, 6th December; rejected on 2r. division, 8th December.]

LOCAL COURTS EVIDENCE BILL—

[Introduced in the Council by the Hon. A. B. Kidson, 10th November; in the Assembly, 2r. debated, but adjourned (8th December) for three weeks.]

METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 13th December; after 1r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Council by the Minister of Mines, 24th November; in the Assembly, after 1r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

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[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 10th November; in the Council, rejected on 2r., 20th December.]

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[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; on 2r., ruled out of order, not having been recommended by Message from the Governor.]

NOXIOUS WEEDS BILL (No. 2)—

[Introduced (previous Bill modified) in the Assembly by the Premier (for Mr. Harper), 18th November; in the Council, rejected on 2r., 15th December.]

POLICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Council by the Hon. A. B. Kidson, 1st December; in the Assembly, after 3r., and on the Council not agreeing to the Assembly's amendment *re* wheel totalisator on racecourses, Bill abandoned, 23rd December.]

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister of Education, 13th December; after 2r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Council by the Minister of Mines, 20th December; after 1r., Order discharged, 22nd December.]

PUBLIC NOTARIES BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 27th October; passed 3r. in both Houses, but the Bill abandoned in the Assembly, the Council's amendments not being agreed to, 21st December.]

PUBLIC WORKS (LAWS CONSOLIDATION) BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 10th November; after 1r., Order discharged, 21st December.]

RAILWAYS (LAWS CONSOLIDATION) BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Premier, 10th November; after 1r., Order discharged, 21st December.]

ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Director of Public Works, 24th November; after 1r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

STOCK DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—

[Introduced in the Assembly by the Hon. H. W. Venn, 25th November; reported on by Select Committee, which recommended that the stringency of the Act be held in abeyance; Bill not proceeded with after 22nd December.]

UNDERGROUND SURVEYORS BILL—

[Introduced in the Council by the Minister of Mines, 16th November; in the Assembly, after 1r., Order discharged, 23rd December.]

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