

## NEW SOUTH WALES

# PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

### SECOND SESSION OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT.

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE first session of the Twelfth Parliament was prorogued on the 25th October, 1886, to the 7th December, 1886, and thence to the 18th January, 1887, on which date the second session commenced.

Parliament was opened by commission.

#### Legislative Council.

*Tuesday, 18 January, 1887.*

Opening of Parliament—Member Resigned—Member Deceased—Ordnance Lands Transfer Bill (*Formal*)—Resignation of the Ministry (Adjournment).

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE PRESIDENT took the chair at noon.

THE CLERK OF PARLIAMENTS read the proclamation convening Parliament.

THE PRESIDENT acquainted the House,—That his Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, had been pleased to cause a commission to be issued, under the great seal of the colony, appointing the Honorable the President, the Honorable C. K. Mackellar, and the Honorable W. R. Piddington commissioners, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament.

The commissioners present being seated, one on the right and the other on the left of the chair, the President commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to acquaint the Assembly that the commissioners required their immediate attendance to hear the commission for opening the Parliament read.

The Assembly being come,—

THE PRESIDENT said :

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

HIS Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day to declare the purpose for which this session of Parliament is convened, has been pleased to cause a commission to be issued under the great seal of the colony, constituting us commissioners to do and perform all things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of her Majesty, or by or on behalf of the Governor of the colony, on the occasion of the opening of the local Parliament, and to deliver a message to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no delay, as will more fully appear by the commission itself, which must now be read.

Commission read by the clerk.

The PRESIDENT said :

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY :

We are further commanded by his Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that, since the date when you were called together for the consideration of public business, the advisers of the Crown have tendered the resignation of their offices, and steps are now being taken for the formation of a new administration. His Excellency therefore desires that an opportunity may be afforded to issue writs for supplying the vacancies in the Legislative Assembly which the change of administration may occasion, and that such measures may be taken by you as may be deemed expedient to meet the exigencies of the public service, and that you assent to such adjournments of your honorable House as may be considered necessary under existing circumstances. When the elections shall have been completed, his Excellency will attend in the Legislative Council and state the causes for calling Parliament together.

#### MEMBER RESIGNED.

The PRESIDENT informed the House that he had received a letter from the Private Secretary to the Governor, intimating that Mr. F. M. Darley, Q.C., had conveyed to his Excellency the resignation of his seat as a member of the Legislative Council.

#### MEMBER DECEASED.

The PRESIDENT reported the decease of the Honorable J. N. Ryan.

#### ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL (Formal).

Bill presented by Mr. Mackellar, and read the first time.

#### RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY.

##### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. MACKELLAR rose to move :

That this House do now adjourn until 4 o'clock to-morrow.

He said : I may inform hon. members that on the 11th instant Sir Patrick Jennings, the leader of the present Administration, tendered the resignation of the Govern-

ment to his Excellency the Governor. The resignation, however, was not finally accepted until the 15th instant, when Sir Henry Parkes was sent for. Sir Henry Parkes has undertaken to form an administration, and there is good reason to believe that it will be in such a position as to be announced to the House to-morrow. Question resolved in the affirmative.

House adjourned at 12-22 p.m.

## Legislative Assembly.

Tuesday, 18 January, 1887.

New Members—Opening of Parliament—Resignation of the Government—Nominations to the Upper House—Adjournment.

The House met at noon, pursuant to proclamation of his Excellency the Governor convening Parliament.

The acting clerk read the proclamation.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had issued writs for the election of members to serve in the Assembly for the electoral districts of Wollombi, Yass Plains, New England, Kiama, and Bourke, in place of Messrs. Scott, Heydon, Proctor, Tarrant, and Sawers and R. Barton respectively, and that the writs for the first-named four electorates had been returned with certificates of the election of Mr. Richard Stevenson, Mr. Thomas Colls, Mr. William Consett Proctor, and Mr. Angus Cameron indorsed thereon.

Messrs. Stevenson, Colls, and Cameron subscribed the oath and signed the roll.

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The USHER OF THE BLACK ROD being admitted, delivered a message that "the commissioners request the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the commission for opening Parliament read."

The House went, and hon. members having returned,—

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to report that the House attended the commissioners in the other Chamber, when the commission for opening Parliament was read, and a message to the Assembly was delivered to