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1. Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill [*Lords*].
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SECOND READING.

- a1. North Eastern Railway Bill [*Lords*] (by Order).—Adjourned Debate on Amendment to Second Reading [15th July]†

† Motion made, and Question proposed, “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word “now” at the end of the Question to add the words “upon this day” (Mr. Summerbell:)—

Question proposed, “That the word ‘now’ stand part of the Question.”

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Paper, No. 281,

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- Mr. Steadman.—On Second Reading of North Eastern Railway Bill (Age of 65).—Copy of move, That it be read a second time upon this day.
- Mr. O’Grady.—On Second Reading of North Eastern Railway Bill 1909, stating the circumstance, That it be read a second time upon this day, as it has been retained in the Service of the Return therein referred to.
- Mr. Hudson.—On Second Reading of North Eastern Railway Bill 1909, stating the circumstance, That it be read a second time upon this day.
- Mr. Wiles.—On Second Reading of North Eastern Railway Bill 1909, stating the circumstance, That it be read a second time upon this day.
- Mr. Seddon.—On Second Reading of North Eastern Railway Bill 1909, stating the circumstance, That it be read a second time upon this day.

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NOTICES OF MOTIONS (RETURNS, &c.).

1. Mr. Summerbell,—Education Act, 1902 (Rates raised under Section 18 (1),—Return by the County Council of each Administrative County in England and Wales, except London, of particulars as to the amounts received during the year ended the 31st day of March 1908 (or, if the particulars are not available, then during the year ended the 31st day of March 1907) from Rates raised under Section 18 (1) (c) and (d) of The Education Act, 1902, over parts only of the area under the Council for purposes of Elementary Education (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 83, of Session 1907):—

| Name of Parish. | Assessable Value according to the county rate basis. | Amount of rate raised under Section 18 (1). | Rate in the £. |
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2. Colonel Lockwood,—Cyprus,—Return of all sums paid in the years 1905-6, 1906-7, 1907-8, and 1908-9, respectively, out of the moneys 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 Parliamentary Paper, No. 281, of Session 1905).
3. Mr. Hobhouse,—Civil Servants (Retirement at the Age of 65),—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 20th day of July, 1909, stating the circumstances under which certain Civil Servants have been retained in the Service after they have attained the age of 65, and of the Return therein referred to.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER.

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- * 1. Mr. Hart-Davies,—To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, whether any negotiations with reference to the Baghdad Railway are going on, or are contemplated, either with the Turkish Government or the concessionaires of the railway; and, if not, whether His Majesty's Government will consider the advisability of considering if some arrangement might be come to now with the view of abrogating Clause 29 of the Baghdad Convention of 1903.
- * 2. Mr. Dillon,—To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, whether he can state the nature of the offences for which Ahmed Hilmy, editor of the Khotie el Masori, in Cairo, was recently sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment; by what court and under what law was the sentence inflicted; and who were the judges who inflicted the sentence.
- * 3. Mr. Dillon,—To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, whether the editor of the Lewa, in Cairo, is to be prosecuted for an article on the anniversary of Denshawi; and, if so, under what law this prosecution is brought.
- * 4. Mr. William Redmond,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether the loan asked for by the Ennis Urban Council for the erection of houses under The Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1908, will be sanctioned; and if he will, in considering the matter, bear in mind the necessity for better houses for the Ennis workmen.
- * 5. Mr. William Redmond,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, when the Neptune Blood estate, county Clare, is to be sold; and if the land is to be divided amongst the small holders in the district.
- * 6. Mr. John Phillips,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he will call on the National Board of Education, Ireland, to state the exact number of schools exempt from Rule 127b; the reasons for such exemption; and why the little village national school of Ardagh, county Longford, does not come under the like exemption.
- * 7. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if his attention has been called to the fact that tenant purchasers in Ireland have to lodge their revivable orders with the amount of their rent when paying the same into a bank, but that the bank gives the payer no receipt; and, in view of the fact that the official receipt is often delayed for months and the consequent inconvenience and confusion to the tenant, and for the convenience of the bank officials who receive this Land Commission money, will he consider the advisability of having the revivable orders issued in duplicate, so that the tenant can have the bank receipt stamped on the duplicate, or will he consider the matter generally, with a view to giving effect to the substance of the question in some effective way.
- * 8. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he will state the number of schemes initiated to acquire lands compulsorily under the Evicted Tenants Act of 1907; in how many cases when there was full opposition by the owners were the Estates Commissioners unsuccessful, and was the failure due to defects in the Act referred to, or will he indicate the nature of the causes which rendered the proceedings abortive; will he say what quantity of land has been acquired when the full powers of the Act have had to be invoked; and is it proposed to improve the methods at present in use and thus avoid future failure.
- * 9. Mr. Hazleton,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether members of the Dublin Metropolitan Police Force are permitted by their authorities, in case of illness, to select their own hospitals; whether this practice has been found to be prejudicial to the public service; whether he is aware that the Royal Irish Constabulary object to be sent compulsorily for treatment to Steeven's Hospital; and whether, in view of the fact that faith is a large factor towards recovery, especially in serious illness, orders will be issued giving the Royal Irish Constabulary a choice in the selection of hospitals.

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- *10. Mr. Hazleton,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether he is aware that a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary who had become insane was allocated to the common ward of Steevens' Hospital; that this man escaped from the ward and hid himself for days in the building, while his body was being searched for in the Liffey; and that when he was discovered he was found in a dying condition, the result of hunger and exposure; and will he say by whose direction and authority a lunatic was sent as an ordinary patient for treatment in this hospital.
- *11. Mr. John Roche,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether an offer has been made by the Estates Commissioners for the purchase of the Richardson estate at Finquin, county Galway; has it been accepted; and, if so, can he state when the Commissioners will be in a position to distribute the untenanted land amongst tenants whose present holdings are uneconomic.
- *12. Mr. Landon,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, what is the cause of the delay in making known the result of the inquiry held into the attitude of the police authorities at Cappamore on the 5th of May last, when, as the result of an order given by the district inspector, four men were stabbed with bayonets without any provocation whatever; who is the official appointed to conduct the inquiry; and from whom did he seek evidence.
- *13. Sir Walter Nugent,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if his attention has been called to the fact that at a recent special court held at Moate, county Westmeath, when the chairman of the local rural district council and others were charged under the statute of Edward III. with unlawful assembly, the defendants were not allowed to call witnesses in their defence, with the result that the chairman of the council, who is also a magistrate, was, with others, sent to gaol for two months, although it was contended on his behalf that he had, as in duty bound, striven solely to maintain the peace; and whether, under these circumstances, he will have the case reopened and give the persons charged an opportunity of re-establishing their innocence.
- *14. Mr. Patrick White,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether he will state which provision of Section 7 of the Irish Land Act of 1903 precludes the Estates Commissioners from acquiring compulsorily the farm from which Edward O'Brien, Scurlockstown, county Meath, was evicted, for the purpose of reinstating him; and whether the Estates Commissioners will cause further inquiries to be made, as, in the opinion of people conversant with all the circumstances of the case, his reinstatement in his former farm would not contravene any section of the Act of 1903.
- *15. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Under Secretary of State for India, if he will state the number of deaths recorded in India as attributable to starvation and famine for the last 100 years; what is the annual amount of revenue collected in India, giving the amounts of the same allocated for local and imperial purposes respectively; and will he say how many persons have been imprisoned or deported from India under the ordinary law and otherwise for the last five years.
- *16. Mr. Rees,—To ask the Under Secretary of State for India, whether, seeing that prior to British rule no mortality statistics were kept in India, that deaths attributable to famine and diseases resulting from famine have progressively declined during periodic failures of crops in the period for which statistics are available under British rule, and that the Mogul emperors collected from the territories under their sway a larger land revenue than the British Government obtains from its immensely larger empire, the Government can give any information regarding the mortality from famine in ante-British days for purposes of comparison.
- *17. Sir Henry Cotton,—To ask the Under Secretary of State for India, whether he has any official information regarding the introduction of a Bill into the

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Legislative Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal authorising the police of Calcutta and the suburbs of Calcutta, to prohibit meetings, public and private, processions and illuminations, and to arrest persons without warrant, and at the same time affording absolute indemnity to the police for their action; whether this legislation has been introduced with the sanction of the Secretary of State; and, if so, whether he can state what is the reason for such a measure.

- *18. Mr. Ginnell,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, if he is aware that the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland, as owner of the Royal Canal and constituting a majority of the board of control, allows weeds and silt to grow and accumulate in the canal and impede the traffic, to the loss and inconvenience of boat owners and traders; will he explain why the Board of Trade does not require that company to keep that canal in a navigable condition, as required by the Act of Parliament under which it is held; whether this will be done now at once; and, if not, whether the free members of the board of control are entitled to get the necessary works done and recover the cost from the railway company.
- *19. Mr. Ginnell,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, if he is aware that an employee of the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland, named Walter Casserly, was seriously and permanently injured while discharging his duty on a train belonging to that company, in a collision between that train and another near North Wall on the 24th March last, and was prevented by his injuries from attending the inquiry subsequently held by the Board of Trade into the cause of the collision; and if he will state the result of that inquiry so far as regards providing adequate compensation for Casserly, who is still under medical care and unable to earn a living.
- *20. Mr. Ginnell,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, whether he is aware that Board of Trade inspectors have repeatedly reported that the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland was neglecting its statutory obligation to keep the Royal Canal in a navigable condition; whether the Board of Control unanimously declares that one year's neglect makes the canal unnavigable and that longer neglect would be fatal to it as a waterway, and urges the Irish Government to enforce the statute under which the canal is held; whether the Irish Government refuse to do this pending the report of the Royal Commission on Canals and uncertain future legislation; and if he will say by what authority the Irish Government suspend the operation of the statute and allow this canal, constructed with public money, to be destroyed, boatmen deprived of their living, and traders injured, in the interest of the railway company.
- *21. Mr. Rowlands,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, whether the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company have the right to close the gates and to take up the sleepers at the level crossing from Morton Road to Abbey Road, Abbey Wood; whether he is aware that it has caused inconvenience to the allotment holders on the St. John's estate by preventing them using this way on to their land, and that the Erith Urban District Council will not sanction the erection of buildings upon the allotments unless there are two means of access to the land, which is now impossible through the closing of the level crossing; and will he say if he can obtain the reopening of the crossing.
- *22. Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, whether he can state the cost of erection and of maintenance up to date of the acetylene buoy at Ardglass Harbour, county Down.
- *23. Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, whether he is aware that if a lightship were placed between Ardglass and Dundrum Bay, where the present gas buoy is stationed, the result would be to light up the entire channel on the county Down coast; and whether the suitability of this position for a lightship will be inquired into with especial regard to its importance to the local fishermen.

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- *24. Mr. William Thorne,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, whether his attention has been called to the serious explosion in a purifying box that took place at Hanley gas works on Monday, the 19th instant; if so, whether he can state what was the last time the same purifying box was emptied, and how long the lid of the box had been lifted before the men were ordered into the box to work; and whether the Board of Trade are prepared to thoroughly investigate the matter.
- *25. Mr. Arthur Lee,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, if he will state upon what date or dates the submarine life-saving helmets, of which delivery will be completed in November, were ordered; how many of these helmets have been ordered and supplied, respectively; and what is the cost of one of these helmets.
- *26. Mr. Arthur Lee,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, how many of the submarines at present in commission have been fitted with the air-traps or locks required in connection with the life-saving helmets; how many vessels are in process of being fitted with these air-traps; and what is the cost of one of these fittings and the approximate time required to instal the same.
- *27. Mr. Arthur Lee,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, whether Submarine C 11 has been in dockyard hands since May 1908; and, if so, during what dates.
- *28. Mr. Arthur Lee,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, whether the first two battleships of the 1909-10 programme have yet been laid down; if not, when is it anticipated that they will be laid down; and do the contracts provide that these vessels shall be completed by July 1911.
- *29. Mr. Arthur Lee,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, what is the nature and extent of the trial order for heavy gun mountings which has been given to the Coventry Ordnance Company; how many mountings are included in this order; and what is the contract date for completion.
- *30. Mr. T. F. Richards,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, whether he is aware that in the building of three torpedo-boat destroyers by Messrs. Cammel, Laird, and Company, Birkenhead, there are employed 20 apprentices to 20 platers, and 24 apprentices to 24 rivetters; whether this proportion of boy labour is used with the consent of the Admiralty; and whether, in view of the unemployment at present prevailing, and also on the point of efficiency he will take steps to have a larger proportion of adult labour employed, or what action does he intend to take in the matter.
- *31. Mr. Bennett,—To ask the honourable Member for South Somerset, as representing the President of the Board of Agriculture, whether the Board will take steps that county councils shall give notice to landowners before next Michaelmas for all the land required for small holdings which has not already been acquired by that date.
- *32. Mr. Rowlands,—To ask the honourable Member for South Somerset, as representing the President of the Board of Agriculture, whether he can state the number of approved applicants for small holdings and allotments in Orpington and the acreage applied for; whether the Kent County Council have yet been able to acquire any land for the purpose of supplying this demand; whether the 10 acres to be acquired for allotments have been supplied to the parish council; and, if not, will the Board of Agriculture take immediate action to acquire suitable land for these applicants.
- *33. Mr. Stanier,—To ask the honourable Member for South Somerset, as representing the President of the Board of Agriculture, if he can state how many cases, and in how many counties, of the stem eelworm and frit fly in oats have been reported to them; and what steps they are taking to warn farmers about it other than stating that they have leaflets on the subject.
- *34. Mr. Summerbell,—To ask the honourable Member for South Somerset, as representing the President of the Board of Agriculture, if he is yet in a position

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to report what action, if any, it is proposed to take in regard to the petition received from the Kew Employees Union as to the shortening of the hours of labour worked by such employees.

- *35. Mr. William Thorne,—To ask the President of the Local Government Board, whether he is aware that on Thursday 8th July instant the West Ham Board of Guardians resolved to emigrate 27 children to Canada, the large majority of whom, 25, are Church of England children, under the auspices and control of a Nonconformist association, the Annie Macpherson Home of Industry; can he say whether the reports received relating to the work of the said association have been satisfactory in the past; whether each and all of the children or their parents, if any are alive, have consented to be sent to Canada by a different religious body to the religion as entered in the creed register of the board of guardians; whether the parents or relatives of such children are asked whether they want the children emigrated; and if the Annie Macpherson association guarantee employment and watch the future interests and life of children they take to Canada, as well as seeing to their religious belief.
- *36. Mr. Rupert Guinness,—To ask the President of the Local Government Board, whether there are any returns as to the number of persons in London suffering from trachoma; and whether he has any official information showing that this disease exists almost exclusively among aliens born Abroad.
- *37. Mr. Watt,—To ask the President of the Local Government Board, whether, in the regulations under The Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, it is the Customs officer whose duty it is to call in the medical officer of health to examine imported meat which the Customs officer considers unsound; if so, will he say whether that official is qualified by training to decide what meat is diseased and what meat is wholesome; and, if not, will he alter the regulation so that all meats imported are subjected to expert examination.
- *38. Mr. Summerbell,—To ask the First Commissioner of Works, if he is aware that some time ago a deputation of employees from Hampton Court, Richmond, and Bushey Parks appealed for an increase of wages to those employed seven days per week; and, if so, whether he can state what action, if any, it is proposed to take in regard to the matter.
- *39. Sir Henry Craik,—To ask the First Commissioner of Works, whether, in case it becomes necessary or expedient to provide further buildings in any of the royal parks, he will apply to Parliament for funds to defray the expense, instead of resorting to private munificence for the purpose.
- *40. Mr. Summerbell,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, if he can state the number of employees that are and have been for the past five years continuously employed in his Department, and who are still classified as temporary employees.
- *41. Mr. Hayden,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, whether the clerks of pensions committees in Ireland have been paid their salaries for the quarters ended 31st March and 30th June; and, if so, whether he will make arrangements by which these officials will be paid the remuneration coming to them immediately after it becomes due.
- *42. Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, whether he can state when steps will be taken to have the Churn Rock removed from Ardglass Harbour, county Down, and the harbour properly dredged; and whether he is aware that the delay in dealing with these matters is productive of great inconvenience and loss to local merchants and shippers.
- *43. Mr. Keir Hardie,—To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has received a memorial from the Men's League for Women's Suffrage and other organisations, praying that Miss Hicks, Miss Law, Miss Cumin, and Miss Clunes, now undergoing imprisonment in Holloway for obstructing the police in Downing Street during an attempt to interview the Prime Minister on the question of the enfranchisement to women, should be

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transferred to the first division, as is usual in the case of political offenders; and whether he has taken any action thereon.

- *44. Mr. Markham,—To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is aware that His Majesty's inspectors of mines have granted to colliery owners in connection with the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill periods for winding men greatly in excess of the time actually required; whether he will say what his instructions to the inspectors on this question have been; whether he has given directly or indirectly any latitude to the inspectors to fix periods in excess of the periods actually required; and whether, seeing these excess periods of winding defeat the object of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill, he will direct the inspectors to fix the actual time required and no longer.
- *45. Mr. Parker,—To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is now prepared to issue a draft Order applying the provisions of Section 116 of the Factory and Workshop Act to piece-workers in ship-building yards.
- *46. Mr. Sutherland,—To ask the Lord Advocate, whether he can now give the names of those who are to form the committee that is to inquire into the question of minor legal appointments in Scotland; and, if not, when he will do so.
- *47. Mr. Watt,—To ask the Lord Advocate, whether any of the Vatersay squatters were allowed to remain in possession of their holdings for a year or more and have recently been removed by the Congested Districts Board: if so, will he say for what reasons they were considered unsuitable to remain on the land.
- *48. Mr. Summerbell,—To ask the President of the Board of Education, if he can state the number of medical officers for elementary schools that have made reports to his Department; when the Board's promised medical Report on such inspection will be ready; and whether such Report will indicate the reforms, if any, recommended by such medical officers.
- *49. Mr. Delany,—To ask Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, whether he can state how many persons are at present suffering imprisonment in Ireland for contempt of court, together with the names of the judges who committed them; the duration of the terms of imprisonment in each case; the names of the persons imprisoned; and the charges upon which their imprisonment is based.
- *50. Mr. Joynson-Hicks,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he is aware that in 1803 the Land Tax Commissioners sold the Land Tax charged on the Oxfordshire estates of the Dashwood family to Robert Scott, by contracts numbered 18, 19, 20, and 21; whether in consequence of such sales the Land Tax has been collected by the representatives of the said Robert Scott; whether, seeing that it is impossible for the owners of the land to redeem the tax in the same way as other owners can redeem their Land Tax, and that these owners are deprived of the benefits of the concessions made regarding Land Tax in the Finance Act of 1896, and having regard to the fact that such sale in 1803 was made for the convenience of the Government and in no way for the benefit of the owners of the land, he will take the opportunity of inserting clauses in the Finance Bill now before Parliament to remedy the grievances of the owners of this and all similar land.
- *51. Mr. Flynn,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he is aware that the official banking returns for the average of the four weeks ending 3rd April 1909 show that the total circulation of bank note issues in Ireland was £6,729,361, as against the authorised circulation of £6,354,494; is he aware that some of the Irish banks of issue have a privilege of unsecured circulation far in excess of their requirements, whilst the majority of them are put to much disadvantage by the inadequacy of their powers in this respect; and

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whether any action can be taken to remedy this inequality by an Order in Council or by other action of the Treasury.

- *52. Mr. Flynn,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has official information to show that the banking returns for the average of the four weeks ending 14th November 1908 disclose the fact that the excess issue under Section 8 of the Banking (Ireland) Act of 1845 of the Bank of Ireland notes was £1,266,272 less than the maximum issue permitted by the certificate and that of the Provincial Bank less by £262,537; whether, in view of the increased volume of banking business in Ireland and the demand of commercial classes in Ireland for a redistribution of the privilege of bank note issue in that country, he will, in his capacity as connected with the office of Lord High Treasurer of Ireland, consider the advisability, by legislation at an early day or otherwise, of redistributing this unused power of note issue amounting to £1,528,000 amongst the three banks of non-issue which are not inferior in status or importance to the other Irish banks; and whether he will agree to the appointment of a departmental committee to inquire into the entire system of note issue in Ireland.
- *53. Mr. Keir Hardie,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his attention has been directed to the case of Mrs. Logan, aged 79 years, residing at Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, who has been refused a pension on the plea that she has been in receipt of Poor Law relief; whether the alleged relief consisted of 25s. advanced by the Kirkmichael parish council pending the investigation of her claim by the New Cumnock parish council, which offered her the workhouse, which she refused, and has since been maintaining herself; whether, as Mrs. Logan was never admitted to the poor roll of New Cumnock, she is subject to the pauper disqualification; and whether, under all the circumstances, he will cause the case to be inquired into afresh.
- *54. Mr. Rupert Guinness,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, if any official calculation has been made of the approximate cost of divesting the land of buildings, roadways, machinery, drains, sewers, gas and water pipes, electric mains, and other improvements in properties such as the Bank of England, the Crystal Palace, the Hotel Cecil, the London Docks, and Euston Station, respectively; and, if so, whether he will give it to the House.
- *55. Mr. Joynson-Hicks,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the spirits paying duty and retained for Home consumption for the year 1908-9, including all forestalling clearances, amounted to 38,626,000 gallons; whether the estimated amount for 1909-10 of 29,700,000 gallons will therefore pay the new duty of 3s. 9d.; and, if so, what will be the total of such new duty.
- *56. Mr. Joynson-Hicks,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, what is the amount of spirits which, during the months of May and June, paid duty at the increased rate; and what was the total amount of such increased duty so paid.
- *57. Mr. Markham,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will say by what authority he has sanctioned the granting of free railway tickets and the entertainment of Members of Parliament and their families at the public expense on Saturday 31st July; whether there is any precedent for the granting of free railway tickets to Members and their families; and whether, in view of the declaration of Ministers that economy in administration is one of the most urgent questions, he will see that Members and their families pay their own expenses when engaged on pleasure.
- *58. Mr. Patrick White,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, what was the taxable capacity of Ireland as compared to Great Britain according to the findings of the Financial Relations Commission; whether in the Finance Bill at present before this House he took them as an equitable basis for the bringing of future taxes upon the two countries; and, if not, will he accept such modifications as will bring Ireland's contribution into harmony with her fair quota as laid down by that Commission.

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- *59. Sir Henry Craik,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he proposes that the local land registries, contemplated under the Finance Bill, should extend to leases for the purposes of the reversion duty.
- *60. Mr. William Thorne,—To ask the Secretary of State for War, if he will give the length of service of the late Private Andrew Jamieson, who was found dead with his throat cut in a cell of the regimental prison at the Curragh; why the man received imprisonment; what was the sentence and the diet the man was fed upon prior to death; was the man confined in a cell measuring nine feet square; and will he state how many suicides have taken place in the Curragh within the past three weeks.
- *61. Mr. Watt,—To ask the Secretary of State for War, whether his attention has been called to the notice in the public press that gun practice at Ardhallow Battery, Firth of Clyde, will take place between sunrise and sunset from the 19th to 23rd July current, that boating parties are advised to keep out of the arc of fire from the battery to three and a-half miles south and south-east, and that carriage hirers are advised to avoid the main road along the shore at that point; whether he is aware that the days chosen for this practice are the five most crowded days of the year on the Firth, being the Glasgow holidays, that it is impossible for the heavy traffic to avoid the arc of fire, and that consequently there is danger and inconvenience to the travelling public; and whether in future it will be possible to choose days for practice when the traffic on the river is abnormally light instead of abnormally heavy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- * a1. Supply [16th allotted Day];—Committee. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Progress.*]
- * 2. Supply [8th July];—Report. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Class 2, Vote 27.*]
- * 3. Supply [17th June] Report;—Consideration of Postponed Resolution [1st July]. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Class 2, Vote 16.*]
- * 4. Supply [24th June];—Report. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Class 3, Vote 17.*]
- * 5. Supply [14th June];—Report. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Class 2, Votes 4 and 17.*]
- * 6. Supply [3rd June];—Report. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Revenue Departments, Vote 2.*]
- * 7. Supply [27th April];—Report. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Revenue Departments, Vote 3.*]
- * 8. Supply [21st July];—Report. [*Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Class 2, Vote 33.*]
- * 9. Ways and Means;—Committee.
- *a10. Labour Exchanges Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
- *a11. Buildings and Engineering Works Bill;—Second Reading.
- *a12. Cinematograph Bill;—Adjourned Debate on Second Reading [21st April].†
- *a13. London Electric Supply Bill;—Second Reading (*to be referred to a Select Committee*).

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- *a14. London Elections Bill;—Not amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - *a15. Marine Insurance (Gambling Policies) Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - *a16. Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill;—Committee.
 - *a17. Telegraph (Arbitration) Bill;—Not amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - *a18. Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill;—Second Reading.
 - * 19. Public Works Loans Bill;—Committee.
 - * 20. Board of Trade Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - * 21. Milk and Dairies Bill;—Second Reading.
 - * 22. Public Works Loans [Remission];—Report thereupon.
 - * 23. Superannuation [Allowances and Gratuities];—Report thereupon.
 - * 24. Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;—Second Reading.
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- a25. Oaths Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be further considered.
 - a26. Licensed Premises (Election Days) Closing Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - a27. Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill;—Adjourned Debate on Amendment on Consideration, as amended (*in the Standing Committee*) [25th June].‡
 - a28. Under Sheriffs (County Boroughs) (Ireland) Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - a29. Local Education Authorities (Medical Treatment) Bill;—Not amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
 - a30. Bishopric of Sheffield Bill;—As amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be considered.
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- 31. Remission of Surcharges (Dublin) (*re-committed*) Bill;—Committee.
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- 32. Local Authorities (Advertising) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 33. Charitable Trusts Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 34. Burial Places (Exemption from Rates) (Scotland) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 35. Parliamentary Seats (Peers of Scotland) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 36. Local Authorities (Legal Expenses) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 37. Special Land Tenures Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 38. Death Certificates (Charges) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 39. Road Traffic Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 40. Conveyancing Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 41. Settled Land Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 42. Poor Relief (Transfer of Inmates) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 43. Public Health Act (1875) Amendment (Water Rights) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 44. Rights of Way Bill;—Second Reading.
 - a45. Criminal Appeal Bill;—Second Reading.
 - a46. Foreign and Colonial Meat Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 47. Pawning Industrial Tools Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 48. Restraint of Trades (Shops) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 49. Hours of Labour (Surfacemen) Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 50. Bank Holidays Bill;—Second Reading.
 - 51. Cheap Trains Bill;—Second Reading.

[52. Dogs

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a52. Dogs' Protection Bill;—Second Reading.

53. Wild Birds Protection Bill;—Second Reading.

*Those marked thus * are Government Orders of the Day.*

† Cinematograph Bill,—Order for Second Reading read;
Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

‡ Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill,—
Another Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the word "ten," and insert the word "fifteen,"—(*Viscount Castlereagh*,)—
instead thereof:—
Question proposed, "That the word 'ten' stand part of the Bill."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Notices relating to Orders of the Day.

(1) In Committee of Supply:—

Mr. Hobhouse,—Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1909-10, Class 2, Vote 5.

In Committee of Supply:—

Sir Charles Dilke,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by £100.

Dr. Rutherford,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5 (1), to move to reduce the Vote by £100.

Mr. Ashley,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by £100.

Sir Gilbert Parker,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, Sub-head A (Salary of the Secretary of State), to move to reduce the Vote by £100.

Mr. Mitchell-Thomson,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, Sub-head A (Salary of the Secretary of State), to move to reduce the Vote by £100.

Mr. Rees,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by £100.

Sir Francis Channing,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by £100.

Mr. Dillon,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Vote by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State.

Sir Henry Craik,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State by £100.

Mr. Arthur Henderson,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by £100.

Mr. Arnold Herbert,—On Civil Service Estimates, Class 2, Vote 5, Sub-head A, to move to reduce the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by £100.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, *continuea*.

(10)

On Consideration of Labour Exchanges Bill, as amended:—

Lord Willoughby de Eresby,—

Clause 2, page 2, line 12, after "exchange," insert "but no advance shall be made to enable workpeople ordinarily resident in Ireland to travel to any other portion of the United Kingdom unless it has been found impossible to find employment for them in Ireland."

Lord Edmund Talbot,—

Clause 2, page 2, line 14, after "of," insert "having been recently discharged from any of His Majesty's forces or."

(11)

Mr. Harwood-Banner,—On Second Reading of Buildings and Engineering Works Bill, to move, That it be read a second time upon this day three months.

(12)

Mr. Harwood-Banner,—On Second Reading of Cinematograph Bill, to move, That it be read a second time upon this day three months.

(13)

Mr. Tennant,—After Second Reading of London Electric Supply Bill, to move, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection:

That all Petitions against the Bill presented Five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents be heard against the Bill, and Counsel or Agents heard in support of the Bill:

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records:
That Three be the quorum.

(14)

Mr. Remnant,—On Consideration of London Elections Bill, to move, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On Consideration of London Elections Bill:—

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Page 1, leave out Clause 1.

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Page 2, leave out Clause 3.

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Page 2, leave out Clause 4.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, *continued.*

On Consideration of London Elections Bill, continued :—

Sir Frederick Banbury,—
Page 3, leave out Clause 6.

Sir Frederick Banbury,—
Page 3, leave out Clause 7.

(15)

On Consideration of Marine Insurance (Gambling Policies) Bill, as amended :—

Mr. M'Arthur,—

Clause 1, page 1, line 10, after "insured," insert "or in the avoidance of liability which may accrue in respect thereof by reason of maritime perils."

Clause 1, page 2, line 12, after "showing," insert "to the satisfaction of the law officer whose consent is required under sub-section three, or, in the case of proceedings which the Board of Trade may propose to institute, of the Board of Trade."

(16)

Mr. Wedgwood,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill that they have power to provide for the complete dissociation of the compensation payable under the town-planning clauses of this Bill from the Land Clauses Consolidation Act of 1845.

Mr. Keir Hardie,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert Clauses in the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, providing for the separate valuation and assessment of all lands and of buildings acquired or erected in connection with any scheme carried out under the provisions of this Act, and for acquiring for the local authority all increments of value in lands which can be traced to improvements or schemes carried out under the provisions of this Act.

Mr. Barnes,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert Clauses in the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, providing for the separate valuation and assessment of all lands and of buildings acquired or erected in connection with any scheme carried out under the provisions of this Act, and for acquiring for the local authority all increments of value in lands which can be traced to improvements or schemes carried out under the provisions of this Act.

Mr. Jowett,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to insert Clauses in the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, providing for the separate valuation and assessment of all lands and of buildings acquired or erected in connection with any scheme carried out under the provisions of this Act, and for acquiring for the local authority all increments of value in lands which can be traced to improvements or schemes carried out under the provisions of this Act.

Mr. Findlay,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill that they have power to provide for compensation arising from damages from mineral workings, and that, on a local authority acquiring the surface, this shall carry as of right the property in the minerals beneath the surface.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, *continued.*

- Mr. Joynson-Hicks,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert Clauses in the Bill providing for the improvement of existing and construction of new through routes for traffic, and empowering the Local Government Board to prescribe a minimum width for through or arterial routes of traffic.
- Sir Walter Foster,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to extend the scope of the Bill so as to make provisions with respect to the appointment and duties of borough and district medical officers of health.
- Lord Robert Cecil,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to divide the Bill into two parts.
- Mr. Morton,—On Order for Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill being read, to move, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that Part II. of the Bill shall not apply to Scotland.
- For Amendments in Committee on Housing, Town Planning, &c., Bill, see pp. 3303–3337 of Supplement to the Votes.
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(17)

- Mr. Harrington,—On Consideration of Telegraph (Arbitration) Bill, to move, That the Bill be re-committed to Standing Committee B, to make provision for the payment of costs by the Court of Arbitration.
- Mr. O'Malley,—On Consideration of Telegraph (Arbitration) Bill, to move, That it be re-committed to Standing Committee B:
That it be an Instruction to the Committee on Telegraph (Arbitration) (*re-committed*) Bill that they do make provision that the costs of any reference to the Railway and Canal Commission shall be in the discretion of such Commission.
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(18)

- Mr. Munro Ferguson,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for an effective Scottish department of the Board.
- Mr. Molteno,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for a Department of Agriculture for Scotland.
- Mr. Morton,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for a Department of Agriculture for Scotland.
- Mr. Higham,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That this House desires, before passing a measure for the creation of an additional Parliamentary representative of any public office, to be assured that arrangements will be made, by grouping or extinction of sinecure appointments, to prevent the undue multiplication of Ministerial Parliamentary officials.
- Mr. Lamont,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for a Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, *continued.*

- Mr. Walter Roch,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for an effective Welsh Department of the Board.
- Mr. Ellis Davies,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for an effective Welsh Department of that Board.
- Mr. Thomas Richards,—On Second Reading of Secretary to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for an effective Welsh Department of the Board.
- Mr. Vaughan-Davies,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstruction of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for an effective Welsh Department of that Board.
- Sir Ivor Herbert,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for an effective Welsh Department of the Board.
- Mr. William Jones,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That no reconstitution of the Board of Agriculture will be satisfactory that does not provide for a Welsh Department of that Board.
- Mr. Rees,—On Second Reading of Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill, to move, That the re-constitution of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries should necessarily include provision for a Welsh department of that Board to deal with agriculture and fisheries.

(25)

On Consideration of Oaths Bill, as amended:—

Mr. Fell,—

Clause 2, page 1, line 8, leave out sub-section (1).

Clause 2, page 1, line 8, after "oath," insert "except in the High Court of Justice."

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Clause 2, page 1, line 10, leave out sub-section (2).

Mr. Fell,—

Clause 2, page 1, line 10, after "shall," insert "at the request of the person about to take the oath."

Clause 2, page 1, line 10, leave out from "shall," to "administer," in line 12.

Mr. Fell,—

Schedule, page 2, line 7, leave out "do," and insert "swear."

(26)

For Amendments on Consideration of Licensed Premises (Election Days) Closing Bill, as amended, see pp. 1625-1627 of Supplement to the Votes.

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(27)

For Amendments on Consideration of Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill, as amended, see pp. 1597-1602 of Supplement to the Votes, and pp. 2725, 2821, 2822 of Notices of Motions.

(28)

On Consideration of Under Sheriffs (County Boroughs) (Ireland) Bill, as amended :—

Mr. Kettle,—

Clause 3, page 2, line 4, after "behaviour," insert,—

Provided that in any case in which an existing under sheriff of a county borough has not filled that office for at least five terms of a year each at any time before the commencement of this Act a vacancy shall be deemed to arise at the end of the current year of office of such existing under sheriff.

Mr. Ashley,—

Clause 3, page 2, line 6, leave out "four," and insert "eight."

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Clause 3, page 2, line 6, leave out "four," and insert "eight."

Mr. Ashley,—

Clause 5, page 2, line 31, at end, add "then last past."

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Clause 5, page 2, line 31, at end, add "then last past."

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Clause 7, page 2, line 38, leave out from beginning to "and," in line 39.

Mr. Ashley,—

Clause 9, page 3, line 13, leave out from "duty," to end of Clause.

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Clause 9, page 3, line 13, leave out from "duty," to end of Clause.

Mr. Ashley,—

Clause 9, page 3, line 19, after "and," insert "except in those cases to which paragraph (d) of section seven of this Act applies."

(29)

On Consideration of Local Education Authorities (Medical Treatment) Bill :—

Mr. Walter Guinness,—

To move the following Clause :—

No obligation
on parent to
submit child
to treatment.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as imposing any obligation on a parent to submit his child to medical inspection or treatment under section thirteen of The Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907.

Sir William Collins,—

To move the following Clause :—

No obligation
on parent to
submit child to
treatment.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as imposing any obligation on a parent to submit his child to medical inspection or treatment under section thirteen of The Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, *continued.*

On Consideration of Local Education Authorities (Medical Treatment) Bill, continued :—

Mr. Henry Gooch,—

To move the following Clause :—

No obligation
on parent to
submit child
to treatment.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as imposing any obligation on a parent to submit his child to medical treatment under section thirteen of The Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907.

Sir Frederick Banbury,—

Page 1, leave out Clause 2.

(30)

On Consideration of Bishopric of Sheffield Bill, as amended :—

Mr. Radford,—

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, after "thereof," insert "but except the preamble and sections three and eight of the said Act."

Sir George Kekewich,—

Schedule 1, page 2, line 10, leave out "five hundred."

Schedule 1, page 2, line 10 after "year," insert "not more than two thousand five hundred pounds a year."

Schedule 1, page 2, line 11, after "residence," insert "of the annual value of not more than one hundred and fifty pounds a year."

Schedule 1, page 2, line 12, leave out "or a further sum of six thousand pounds has been contributed for that purpose."

Mr. Radford,—

Schedule 1, page 2, line 26, leave out paragraph (3).

Sir George Kekewich,—

Schedule 1, page 2, line 29, at end, add,—

4. There shall be no dean and chapter of the bishopric.

Mr. Radford,—

Schedule 1, page 2, line 29, at end, add,—

(4) The power conferred on His Majesty by section six of the principal Act to appoint the bishop of the new bishopric shall not be exercised unless and until the person to be appointed to the bishopric shall have made and subscribed a declaration in writing that he will, if and when appointed, use his best endeavours to put down all practices, either in ritual or ornament, which have been decided by courts of law to be illegal, by incumbents or other persons permitted to officiate within the bishopric, and will diligently proceed against all persons committing such illegal practices under the powers conferred on him under the provisions of The Church Discipline Act, 1840, The Public Worship Act, 1874, The Clergy Discipline Act, 1892, and any other powers enabling him in that behalf.

(5) The bishop appointed under the provisions of this Act shall not be entitled to sit or vote as a lord of Parliament.

Mr. Boulton,—

Schedule 1, page 2, line 29, at end, add,—

(4) The power conferred on His Majesty by section six of the principal Act to appoint the bishop of the new bishopric shall not be exercised unless and until the person to be appointed to the bishopric shall have made and subscribed a declaration in writing that he will, if and when appointed, put down all practices, either in ritual or ornament, which have been decided by courts of law to be illegal, by incumbents or other persons permitted to officiate within the bishopric.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, *continued.*

On Consideration of Bishopric of Sheffield Bill, as amended, continued:—

Sir George Kekewich,—

Schedule 2, page 3, line 11, at end, add,—

5. The bishop shall retire from and surrender the bishopric when he completes the sixty-fifth year of his age.

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- (45) Mr. Pickersgrill,—On Second Reading of Criminal Appeal Bill, to move, That it be read a second time upon this day three months.

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- (46) Mr. Ernest Lamb,—On Second Reading of Foreign and Colonial Meat Bill, to move, That it be read a second time upon this day three months.

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- (52) Mr. Montagu,—On Second Reading of Dogs' Protection Bill, to move, That it be read a second time upon this day three months.
Sir Philip Magnus,—On Second Reading of Dogs' Protection Bill, to move, That it be read a second time upon this day three months.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER.

1. Mr. O'Shee.—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, how much was the cost of carrying out the intermediate examinations in Ireland; how much was the value of the exhibitions and other prizes awarded to students examined in each of the years 1888, 1898, and 1908, respectively; when do the Commissioners of Intermediate Education propose to give effect to their view that examinations on the plan hitherto adopted should only take place in the case of students of exceptional knowledge, and that the exhibitions should be of such an amount as to enable such students to obtain a university training; whether it is proposed to apply the entire saving which may be effected in the cost of examination, estimated by the Commissioners at two-thirds or three-fourths of the present cost, towards increasing the number and amount of the exhibitions and prizes awarded to students; and whether he is aware that the junior grade exhibitions hitherto awarded have been generally ineffective in inducing students to enter upon university courses.
2. Mr. O'Shee.—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, what are the names of the inspectors appointed by the Board of Intermediate Education in Ireland, and what are their respective qualifications or degrees; whether it is proposed that they should, when making inspection of schools, test the knowledge of students in the same way as is done by inspectors of the Commissioners of National Education, or in what manner; whether, in the case of the establishment of written examinations confined to students who enter for honours exhibitions or prizes, the inspectors will have before them a list of the students so entering from each school so as to enable them to

QUESTIONS, *continued.*

- confine themselves when making an inspection to testing the knowledge of the general body of students only, exclusive of those who have entered for the honours examination; whether any rules have yet been drafted by or on behalf of the Commissioners of Intermediate Education for the guidance of their inspectors; and, if so, whether a copy of the draft rules will be laid upon the Table.
3. Mr. John Murphy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, why the Local Government Board disallowed the pension of Mr. Maurice Downey, of Brosna, Castleisland, county Kerry, whose name could not be traced in the Census Returns; and if the Board will state what further proof of age they require to satisfy them in this case.
 4. Mr. John Murphy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he can ascertain the number of teachers who completed their course of training in July 1900; the number of principal teachers in the National Board's service before the 1st April 1900 who were promoted to larger schools since that date; the number of principal teachers in the service before the 1st April 1900 who were trained since that date; the number of assistants who were promoted to principals since 1st April 1900; and if the Commissioners of National Education propose to take any steps to remove the financial grievances these classes of teachers suffer since the change in the system in 1900.
 5. Mr. Hazleton,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether the £620 collected by the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary from his subordinates to commemorate the memory of Constable Goldrick has yet been allocated; what was the date of the unofficial circular asking for subscriptions; what is the cause of the delay; and in whose custody the capital remains.
 6. Mr. Hazleton,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether District Inspector Rogers, of Enniscorthy, has yet returned to duty; whether he has yet made a statement as to his turns of horseback duty, and, if so, of what they consisted; whether this officer, on the occasion of his transfer to Enniscorthy, claimed a sum of about £20 for expenses, and whether the authorities reduced this amount to £3; what claims made by Mr. Rogers were allowed and what disallowed; whether, in making his claim, vouchers were submitted or declarations made as to expenses incurred; and what action was taken by the Inspector General in the matter.
 7. Mr. Kendal O'Brien,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if the Estates Commissioners have taken any steps to acquire the Langley, Lickfinn, estate, Gortnahoe, and Slievardagh, county Tipperary; and, if not, will they do so within a reasonable time, as the distribution of the 700 acres comprised in this estate is very much needed in this congested district.
 8. Mr. Kendal O'Brien,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether 200 acres of the Goring estate, Ballynonty, county Tipperary, is at present held on the 11 months' system by a man named Hughes, who has other large farms; whether it is intended to create a tenancy for him so as to make him eligible to purchase this farm; and, seeing that there are a number of uneconomic holdings around this land and some evicted tenants in the locality, will the Commissioners refuse to entertain any proposal from Hughes.
 9. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he will say whether the present holder of the evicted farm on the Carmichael estate, Aughterera, Mountnugent, county Cavan, on the 9th May 1907 signed a surrender of this farm to the Estates Commissioners for the purpose of having the evicted tenant, Miss Anne Beglan, reinstated; have the Estates Commissioners since taken any action in the matter; are they aware that this woman has lived in a ditch for over 22 years; and will steps be taken to expeditiously deal with this case.

QUESTIONS, *continued.*

10. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he has seen in the last annual report of the inspectors of asylums in Ireland that the increase of lunacy in that country since 1880 is 10,949; has the increase for the last few years been continuous; will he say what the population of Ireland was in 1880, and the then number of lunatics, and also the population of Ireland for 1908 with the number of lunatics; can he say whether there is a similar increase, per head of the population, of this disease in any portion of the British Dominions; and have the present Government considered whether anything can be done to cope with the increase of this almost national calamity.
11. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he will say whether, on the sale of the Eden estate, Dungimmon, county Cavan, one of the conditions of sale was that Patrick Morgan, an evicted tenant, was to be reinstated on his former holding; will he say if this has been done, or whether the Estates Commissioners intend to take any steps to deal with the restoration of this evicted tenant; and, if so, what.
12. Mr. London,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, what is the amount which has been deducted from the grants payable to the county Limerick on account of land purchase; and will he state how the sum which has been deducted is made up under the different headings, and for what period.
13. Mr. William Abraham,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether the Estates Commissioners will take any steps to ascertain the conditions upon which Thomas Nagle would surrender the holding at present occupied by him on the Leader estate, county Cork, in favour of Mrs. Alice Nagle, the evicted tenant, seeing that he expressed his willingness to do so if the Commissioners would provide him with a farm elsewhere, and that he made this statement during the hearing of a case at petty sessions, Kildorrery, on the 12th of May last, of which the Commissioners have been duly informed.
14. Mr. London,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether the Estates Commissioners have received an application from Simon Ryan, Cross, Pallasgrean, county Limerick, for reinstatement as an evicted tenant; can he state how this case stands; and is it the intention of the Commissioners to provide this man with a farm other than the one he was evicted from.
15. Mr. London,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether the Estates Commissioners have come to any agreement for the purchase of the untenanted lands on the Taylor estate, at Faha, Patrickswell, county Limerick; and, in view of the fact that adjoining this grazing land there are nine tenants whose entire land amounts only to 61 acres, and who were in possession of this untenanted land until 1887, when their lease expired, will the Estates Commissioners see that those nine uneconomic holders get preference as regards the applicants for a portion of this land which was, previous to 1883, in their possession.
16. Mr. Hazleton,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether he is aware that in the Dunmore (county Galway) district some pensioners in receipt of pensions since 1st January have not yet received the second issue of books; and will he state the reason for the delay.
17. Mr. Hazleton,—To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, if he will state by what authority did a Post Office official named Mrs. Healy, Garrafranes, county Galway, take her pension book from Mrs. Mary Brannon, Cloondalgin, Dunmore, county Galway, to whom the committee had awarded a pension.
18. Mr. Leverton Harris,—To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he can say when the President of the Joint Court in the New Hebrides will be appointed.

QUESTIONS, *continued.*

19. Mr. Ginnell,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, whether the sinking funds under the various Acts allowing the advance of public money for the purchase of Irish land, from 1869 to 1903 inclusive, or any of them, have been amalgamated; if he will state the condition of each of those sinking funds as regards the gross receipts and the balance remaining due to the end of June 1909; and, in the case of any of them applied otherwise than towards extinction of the debt, will he state the amount so applied and the purpose.
20. Mr. Ginnell,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, if he will state, in respect of each of the Acts from 1869 to 1903, inclusive, allowing the advance of public money for the purchase of Irish land, the normal rate of repayment of principal and of interest by tenant purchasers; the length of the term when decadal reductions were not availed of and when they were, respectively; the average number of years' purchase of the rent paid under each of the Acts, the amount of principal, interest, and total paid under each Act, and in the short and lengthened term, respectively, by a tenant purchaser of a £25 yearly rent at the average price under that Act; the amount advanced to a vendor of an estate consisting of 40 such tenancies at the average price under each of the Acts, respectively; whether the vendor had to prove his title and to pay law costs of sale and stamp duty from his own resources; whether advances were made in respect of arrears in addition to price; whether a bonus on the price plus arrears was given; whether the vendor was relieved in the matter of proof of title, stamps, and costs of sale; and any other financial advantages enjoyed by the ordinary vendor down to November last under the Act of 1903 as compared with the ordinary vendor under previous Purchase Acts.
21. Mr. M'Arthur,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, whether his attention has been drawn to the disadvantage suffered by ex-naval and military men who resign their positions to enter the Civil Service and thereupon forfeit all pension rights which have previously accrued to them; and whether he will favourably consider the suggestion that colour service in the Army or Navy should count with Civil Service as qualifying time for pension in the latter.
22. Mr. Vincent Kennedy,—To ask the Secretary to the Treasury, if he will state whether the committee clerks under the Old Age Pensions Act for county Cavan have been paid their salaries due to them since 31st March last; if not, when will the same be paid; and is this delay exceptional in the case of county Cavan.
23. Mr. Horniman,—To ask the President of the Board of Trade, what action, if any, has been taken respecting the question of the encroachments on the foreshore at Sea View, Isle of Wight, by the erection of groynes and piles, which was brought to his notice by a Question on 16th December last.
24. Mr. B. S. Straus,—To ask the President of the Local Government Board, whether he is aware that the Hospital Committee of the Metropolitan Asylums Board have made it a condition of tenancy of cottages on their property that every person residing therein shall be vaccinated and revaccinated to the satisfaction of the medical officer; and whether such requirement has been sanctioned by the Asylums Board and by the Local Government Board.
25. Earl of Ronaldshay,—To ask the President of the Local Government Board, if the application of Thomas Coley, of 6, Harringay Grove, London, N., for an old age pension has been refused; and, if so, on what grounds.
26. Mr. Nannetti,—To ask the Postmaster General, whether, during the past three weeks, 38 temporary civilian postmen have been dismissed in Dublin and their places filled by 20 ex-telegraph messengers and 20 ex-soldiers; if 16 Army reservists are being requisitioned to take the place of the civilian postmen who are going on leave; if so, will he say if it is the policy of His Majesty's Government to throw the civilian employees on an already overcrowded labour market; and whether some regard will be had for the old

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employees who have up to the present been employed at the work of temporary postmen.

27. Mr. Sloan,—To ask the Postmaster General, if he can explain why certain postmen in Belfast are refused the privilege of a weekly half-holiday while it is granted to others; and if he will cause arrangements to be made whereby the half-holiday may be made universal.
28. Mr. Sloan,—To ask the Postmaster General, whether, having taken into consideration the number of years in which officers at present acting as substitutes for superiors in Belfast have been performing these duties, he is prepared to relax the rule requiring employment for a period of two months before extra remuneration can be given.
29. Mr. Sloan,—To ask the Postmaster General, whether he is aware that it is the practice in the Belfast office to record against an officer any appeals he may have made against his superiors; and whether he will consider the advisability of giving to all officers unfettered freedom of appeal without incurring the risk of an unfavourable record for so doing.
30. Mr. Molteno,—To ask the Lord Advocate, whether his attention has been directed to the remarks of Mr. Sheriff Campion at Dumfries, on the 13th instant, in the trial of a test case against certain fishermen, when he said that it was a great pity they had these periodical cases, both in the criminal court and in the civil court, and that it was very desirable that the question should be settled by some legislation; and whether he will take them into consideration with a view to the introduction of remedial legislation at an early date.
31. Mr. Devlin,—To ask the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture (Ireland), whether his attention has been called to the fact that, in the case of Thomas M'Mahon, who was fined £1 and £2 costs at the Whiteabbey petty sessions, held on the 8th July instant, for alleged illegal trawling in Belfast Lough, the defendant was only served with the summons the night before the trial, and had no time to prepare evidence; and whether, since the defendant is willing to prove to the satisfaction of the Board that it was impossible that the evidence on which he was convicted could be true, the Department will order an independent inquiry into the matter.
32. Colonel Philipps,—To ask the First Lord of the Admiralty, how many torpedo boat destroyers were ordered in each of the years 1905-6, 1906-7, and 1907-8; how many of each year have been delivered; and when the balance are expected to be ready for delivery.
33. Mr. Landon,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many applicants have been disqualified under the Old Age Pensions Act because of having received Poor Law relief.
34. Mr. Landon,—To ask Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether old age pension applicants whose claims are allowed receive the pension from the date upon which they lodge their applications with the pension officer, or does their right to the pension only begin when their claim has been allowed and approved of by the local pension committees and the pension officer, even though two months may elapse between the date of the lodgment of the application and the passing of the claim by the local authority.
35. Mr. Henniker Heaton,—To ask the Secretary of State for War, whether veterinary surgeons are eligible to receive commissions in the veterinary corps of the Territorial Force, and be gazetted to or attached as transport officers of field ambulances; and whether officers of a field ambulance are allowed to count service during the South African War as civil surgeons towards promotion and in lieu of the proficiency examination.
36. Mr. Boulton,—To ask the Secretary of State for War, why colonial training in large general hospitals is not accepted for the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service.

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