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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF
NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION 1928.

From the Fourth to the Fourteenth Day of December, 1928, both Days inclusive.

IN THE NINETEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS MAJESTY
KING GEORGE THE FIFTH.

BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT OF NEW
ZEALAND.



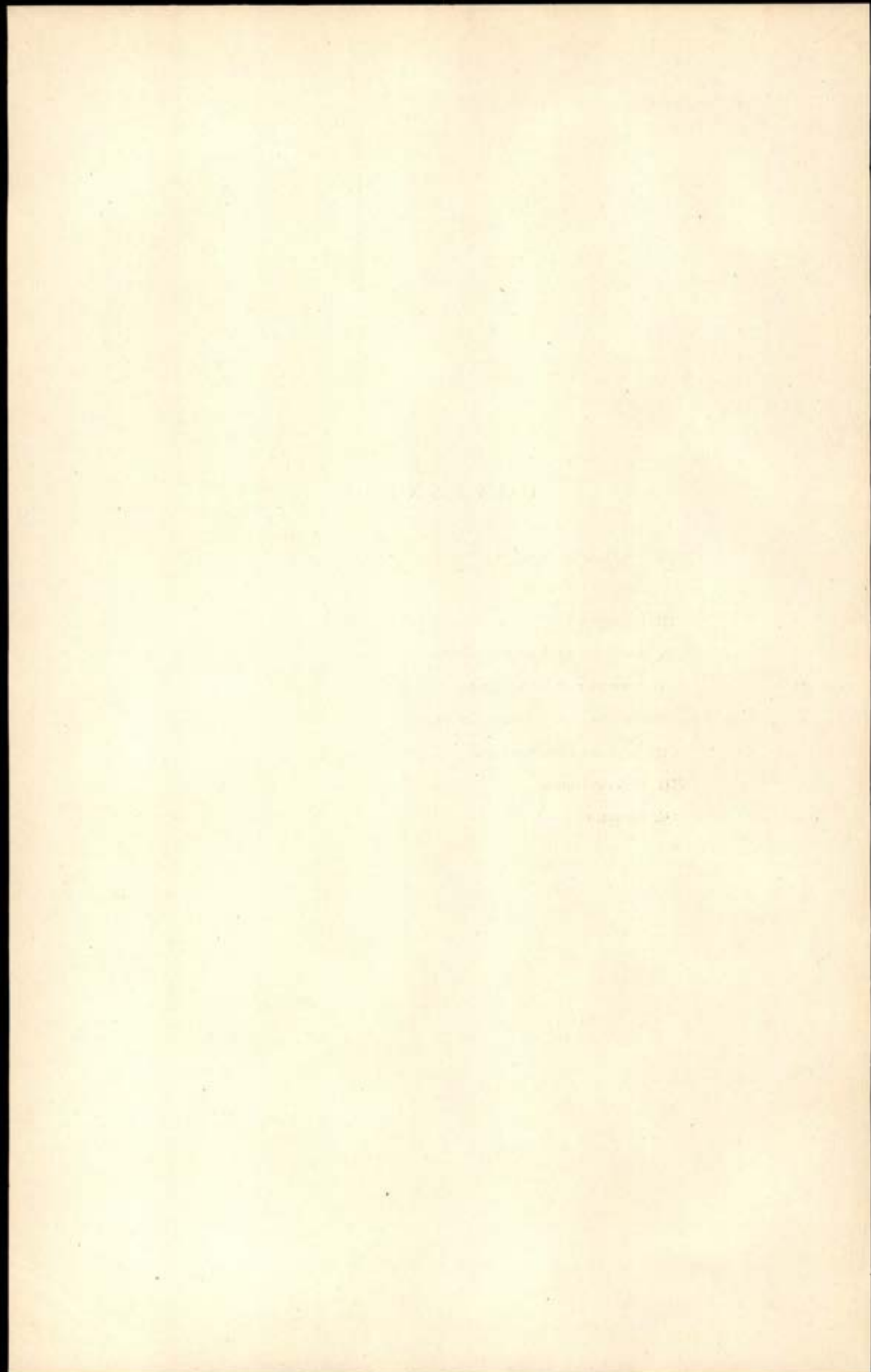
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FIRST SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT—DECEMBER, 1928.

SPEAKER—HON. SIR CHARLES ERNEST STATHAM, Kt.

NAME.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
ANSELL, ALFRED EDWARD	Chalmers.
ARMSTRONG, HUBERT THOMAS	Christchurch East.
ATMORE, HON. HARRY	Nelson.
BARNARD, WILLIAM EDWARD	Napier.
BITCHENER, JOHN	Waitaki.
BLACK, GEORGE CHARLES CECIL	Motueka.
BODKIN, WILLIAM ALEXANDER	Central Otago.
BROADFOOT, WALTER JAMES	Waitomo.
BURNETT, THOMAS DAVID	Temuka.
CAMPBELL, HUGH McLEAN	Hawke's Bay.
CARR, CLYDE LEONARD	Timaru.
CHAPMAN, CHARLES HENRY	Wellington North.
CLINKARD, CECIL HENRY	Rotorua.
COATES, Right Hon. JOSEPH GORDON	Kaipara.
COBBE, HON. JOHN GEORGE	Oroua.
DE LA PERRELLE, HON. PHILIP ALDBOROUGH	Awarua.
DICKIE, HAROLD GALT	Patea.
DONALD, HON. JAMES BELL	Auckland East.
FIELD, WILLIAM HUGHES	Otaki.
FLETCHER, JOHN SHEARER	Grey Lynn.
FORBES, HON. GEORGE WILLIAM	Hurunui.
FRASER, PETER	Wellington Central.
HALL, ARTHUR WILLIAM	Hauraki.
HAMILTON, ADAM	Wallace.
HARRIS, ALEXANDER	Waitemata.
HAWKE, RICHARD WILSON	Kaiapoi.
HEALY, EDWARD FRANCIS	Wairau.
HENARE, TAU	Northern Maori.
HOGAN, JAMES THOMAS	Rangitikei.
HOLLAND, HENRY	Christchurch North.
HOLLAND, HENRY EDMUND	Buller.
HOWARD, EDWIN JOHN	Christchurch South.
HUNTER, Sir GEORGE, Kt.	Waipawa.
JENKINS, HARRY REGINALD	Parnell.
JONES, DAVID	Mid-Canterbury.
JORDAN, WILLIAM JOSEPH	Manukau.
KYLE, HERBERT SETON STEWART	Riccarton.
LANGSTONE, FRANK	Waimarino.
LINKLATER, JOSEPH	Manawatu.
LYE, FREDERICK	Waikato.
LYSNAR, WILLIAM DOUGLAS	Gisborne.

NAME.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.
McCOMBS, JAMES	Lyttelton.
McDONALD, THOMAS WILLIAM	Wairarapa.
McDOUGALL, DAVID	Mataura.
McKEEN, ROBERT	Wellington South.
MACMILLAN, CHARLES EDWARD DE LA BARCA	Tauranga.
MACPHERSON, JOHN ANDREW	Oamaru.
MAKITANARA, TUITI	Southern Maori.
MARTIN, WILLIAM LEE	Raglan.
MASON, HENRY GREATHEAD REX	Auckland Suburbs.
MASSEY, JOHN NORMAN	Franklin.
MUNNS, GEORGE CHARLES	Roskill.
MUNRO, JAMES WRIGHT	Dunedin North.
MURDOCH, ALFRED JAMES	Marsden.
NASH, JAMES ALFRED	Palmerston.
NGATA, Hon. Sir APIRANA TURUPA, Kt.	Eastern Maori.
O'BRIEN, JAMES	Westland.
PARRY, WILLIAM EDWARD	Auckland Central.
POLSON, WILLIAM JOHN	Stratford.
POMARE, Hon. Sir MAUI NGATATA, K.B.E., C.M.G.	Western Maori.
RANSOM, Hon. ETHELBERT ALFRED	Pahiatua.
RUSHWORTH, HAROLD MONTAGUE	Bay of Islands.
SAMUEL, ALBERT MOELLER	Thames.
SAVAGE, MICHAEL JOSEPH	Auckland West.
SEMPLE, ROBERT	Wellington East.
SMITH, SYDNEY GEORGE	New Plymouth.
STALLWORTHY, Hon. ARTHUR JOHN	Eden.
STATHAM, Hon. Sir CHARLES ERNEST, Kt.	Dunedin Central.
STEWART, Hon. WILLIAM DOWNIE	Dunedin West.
SULLIVAN, DANIEL GILES	Avon.
SYKES, GEORGE ROBERT	Masterton.
TAVERNER, Hon. WILLIAM BURGoyNE	Dunedin South.
VEITCH, Hon. WILLIAM ANDREW	Wanganui.
WAITE, FRED	Clutha.
WARD, Right Hon. Sir JOSEPH GEORGE, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Invercargill.
WILFORD, Hon. THOMAS MASON	Hutt.
WILKINSON, CHARLES ANDERSON	Egmont.
WILLIAMS, Hon. KENNETH STUART	Bay of Plenty.
WRIGHT, Hon. ROBERT ALEXANDER	Wellington Suburbs.
YOUNG, Hon. JAMES ALEXANDER	Hamilton.

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1. Steed, W., and 6 others ..	Dec. 6, 1928	That the Waikarara Lake be lowered to summer level owing to danger to their farms	7	Mr. Rushworth
2. Barnes, W. E.	Dec. 6, 1928	For a grant to reimburse him for an amount of money lodged with the police at Auckland	1	Mr. Fraser

IV. SCHEDULE OF SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SESSION I, TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT, 1928.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS' NAMES.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
<i>Standing Orders Recess.</i> —Consisting of eleven Members, to consider such amendment of the procedure and Standing Orders of this House as will facilitate the despatch of the business; the Committee to have power to sit in the recess; to have power to call for persons and papers; and to report to Parliament on or before the 1st day of August, 1929: five to be a quorum.	Hon. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mr. Forbes, Hon. Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Smith, Right Hon. Mr. Coates, Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Nash, Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward.	Dec. 14, on motion of Right Hon Sir Joseph Ward.	

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<i>Finance</i>	By Message (Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward)	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	..	Dec. 13	Introduced in Committee.
<i>Rent Restriction Continuance</i>	Mr. Fraser	Dec. 6	<i>Lapsed.</i>

VI. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAPERS LAID UPON THE TABLE, DECEMBER SESSION, 1928.

[NOTE.—The letter and number given after each paper refer to the place in the appendices to the Journals. Papers bearing no letter and number were not ordered to be printed.]

Date of Presentation.	Number of Paper.		Letter and Number of Printed Paper in Appendices.
A.			
Dec. 7	4	AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF, Report on the Recent Work of the, by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates. (By leave)	H.-29A.
F.			
Dec. 6	1	FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Seven Months ended 31st October, 1928, by the Hon. Downie Stewart. (By leave)	B.-6A.
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Dec. 7	6	PUBLIC WORKS STATEMENT, by the Right Hon. J. G. Coates. (By leave)	D.-1A.
S.			
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VII. NUMBER OF SITTING-DAYS.
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Session.	Date commenced.	Date ended.	Total Days occupied.	Days of Meeting.	Hours sat before Midnight.	Hours sat after Midnight.	Total Number of Hours sat.	Daily Average.
					H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1875	20 July ..	21 October ..	94	59	..	..	418 15	7 5
1876	15 June ..	31 ..	139	85	..	..	853 10	10 28
1877	19 July ..	10 December ..	145	97	..	..	..	..
1878	26 ..	2 November ..	100	64	..	..	415 0	7 0
*1879	24 September..	19 December ..	87	55	..	..	413 0	7 30
1880	28 May ..	1 September ..	97	64	..	..	524 0	8 20
1881	9 June ..	24 ..	108	72	..	..	565 0	7 50
1882	18 May ..	15 ..	121	78	..	..	609 0	7 48
1883	14 June ..	8 ..	86	58	..	..	432 0	7 27
*1884	7 August ..	10 November ..	96	56	..	..	376 0	6 42
1885	11 June ..	22 September ..	104	69	..	..	395 0	5 43
1886	13 May ..	18 August ..	98	65	..	..	476 0	7 19
*1887	6 October ..	22 December ..	78	27	..	..	152 15	7 9
1888	10 May ..	30 August ..	113	68	444 0	110 30	554 30	8 9
1889	20 June ..	16 September ..	89	53	326 0	151 0	477 0	9 0
1890	19 ..	17 ..	91	57	432 0	73 0	505 0	8 45
1891	11 ..	25 ..	107	67	449 0	110 0	559 0	8 0
1892	23 ..	11 October ..	111	66	421 0	94 0	515 0	7 48
1893	22 ..	6 ..	107	68	468 55	136 2	604 57	8 53
1894	21 ..	24 ..	126	81	578 55	118 13	697 8	8 36
1895	20 ..	1 November ..	135	86	602 25	127 14	729 39	8 29
1896	11 ..	17 October ..	129	78	567 15	147 58	715 13	9 10
*1897	23 September..	21 December ..	90	51	368 50	150 16	519 6	10 10
1898	24 June ..	4 November ..	134	80	569 12	214 54	784 6	9 48
1899	23 ..	23 October ..	124	74	497 31	117 18	614 49	8 18
1900	21 ..	20 ..	122	75	504 55	175 25	679 20	9 4
1901	28 ..	7 November ..	133	77	518 23	116 1	634 24	8 14
1902	1 July ..	3 October ..	95	57	367 52	94 45	462 37	8 7
1903	29 June ..	24 November ..	149	95	663 40	191 30	855 0	9 0
1904	28 ..	7 ..	133	82	563 21	121 34	684 55	8 21
1905	27 ..	30 October ..	126	78	530 14	135 37	665 51	8 33
*1906	21 August ..	29 ..	70	43	229 25	8 5	307 31	7 9
1907	27 June ..	25 November ..	152	92	662 25	108 10	770 35	8 26
1908	28 ..	10 October ..	105	59	420 34	59 57	480 31	8 7
*1909	7 October ..	29 December ..	83	52	390 36	75 17	465 53	8 57
1910	28 June ..	3 ..	158	98	687 50	128 4	815 54	8 20
1911	27 July ..	28 October ..	93	56	378 2	70 14	448 16	8 0
*1912	27 June ..	6 November ..	133	69	472 5	80 45	552 50	8 0
1913	26 ..	15 December ..	173	102	696 58	190 47	887 45	8 42
1914	25 ..	5 November ..	134	79	454 49	62 33	517 22	6 33
†1915	24 ..	12 October ..	111	56	306 19	30 39	336 58	6 1
1916	9 May ..	8 August ..	92	58	350 20	35 8	385 28	6 38
1917	28 June ..	1 November ..	128	81	497 24	19 27	516 51	6 23
*1918	24 October ..	9 December ..	47	24	125 55	21 45	147 40	6 9
1919	28 August ..	5 November ..	70	47	305 45	55 53	361 38	7 42
1920	24 June ..	11 ..	141	92	579 4	79 49	658 53	7 10
1921	10 March ..	22 March ..	13	10	53 5	1 55	55 0	5 30
1921-22	22 September..	11 February ..	143	80	540 46	55 15	595 1	7 27
1922	23 June ..	31 October ..	126	76	460 19	7 47	468 8	6 10
*1923	14 ..	29 August ..	77	55	374 7	59 26	433 33	7 53
1924	25 ..	6 November ..	134	83	564 2	63 43	627 45	7 48
1925	25 ..	1 October ..	99	58	369 57	49 16	419 13	7 13
1926	16 ..	11 September..	88	57	372 5	50 25	422 30	7 20
1927	23 ..	5 December ..	166	105	685 33	91 20	776 53	7 34
*1928	28 ..	9 October ..	104	62	402 57	50 24	453 21	7 19

* During these years there were two sessions, the short session being as follows: 1879, 11th July to 11th August, 31 days; 1884, 5th June to 24th June, 20 days; 1887, 20th April to 10th June, 46 days; 1897, 6th April to 10th April, 4 days; 1906, 27th June to 28th June, 2 days; 1909, 10th June to 15th June, 6 days; 1912, 15th to 29th February, 15 days; 1918, 28th April to 12th April, 7 days; 1923, 7th to 17th February, 11 days; 1928, 4th to 14th December, 11 days.

† House adjourned from 4th August to 19th August after formation of National Cabinet.



PROCLAMATIONS.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand:

And whereas by an Order in Council of the ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seven, His Majesty was pleased to approve the draft of a Proclamation substituting the title of the Dominion of New Zealand for that of the Colony of New Zealand as the designation of the said Colony:

Now, therefore, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the eighth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 11th day of October, 1928.

M. POMARE,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Dissolving the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

To the LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS of the DOMINION of NEW ZEALAND, and the MEMBERS of PARLIAMENT elected to serve in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the said Dominion, and to all whom it may concern: GREETING.

WHEREAS I have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of New Zealand, which stands prorogued to the eighth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight: Now KNOW YE that I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do for that end publish this Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said General Assembly accordingly as from the date hereof; and the said Legislative Councillors, and the said Members of Parliament elected to serve in the House of Representatives, are accordingly discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said eighth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 18th day of October, 1928.

J. G. COATES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Meeting of the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: GREETING.

KNOW ye that I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, being desirous that the General Assembly of New Zealand should be holden as soon as may be, do hereby summon and call together the said General Assembly to meet at the Parliament Houses, situated in Bowen Street, in the City of Wellington, on Thursday, the sixth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at twelve of the clock at noon.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 18th day of October, 1928.

J. G. COATES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Meeting of the General Assembly for the Despatch of Business.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

TO the LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS of the Dominion of New Zealand, and the Members elected to serve in the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the said Dominion. GREETING:

WHEREAS the General Assembly has been summoned to meet on the sixth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight: And whereas for certain causes and considerations I have thought fit to convene such meeting for a date earlier than the said date:

Now, therefore, know ye that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, are hereby commanded and by the tenor of these presents enjoined to be and appear personally for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS on Tuesday, the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Bowen Street, in the City of Wellington, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of the said Dominion of New Zealand and therein to do as may seem necessary.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 24th day of November, 1928.

J. G. COATES.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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FIRST SESSION—TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT.

Tuesday, the 4th day of December, 1928.

THE First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of New Zealand, begun and holden in the City of Wellington on the fourth day of December, in the nineteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fifth of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight; on which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament for the despatch of business, the House met at half after two of the clock p.m., pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) by His Excellency General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, General on the Retired List and in the Reserve of Officers of His Majesty's Army, Doctor of Laws, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its dependencies, and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion at the Government House, at Wellington, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

A Message was brought by Arthur Thomas Bothamley, Esquire, I.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The Legislative Councillors, authorized by virtue of His Excellency the Governor-General's Commission, desire the attendance of the Honourable House in the Legislative Council Chamber forthwith.

Accordingly the House, with the Clerk, went up to the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Commission read; where being, the Honourable Sir Walter Charles Frederick Carncross, Knight, one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General, said,—

HONOURABLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present here this day in person, has been pleased, in order to the opening and holding of this the First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of New Zealand, to cause Letters

Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Dominion constituting us, the several Honourable Members of the Legislative Council named therein, his Commissioners to do all things in His Excellency's name on his part necessary to be performed in this session of Parliament. This will more fully appear by the Letters Patent themselves, which must now be read. (*Vide* Legislative Council Journals.)

The Honourable the Chief Commissioner then said,—

HONOURABLE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor-General to inform you that on Wednesday, the fifth day of December, at half past two of the clock in the afternoon, His Excellency the Governor-General will declare to you in person the cause of his calling this meeting of Parliament together. But since it is necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives be first chosen, His Excellency requests that you, gentlemen of the House of Representatives, repair to the place where you usually sit, and there make choice of a fit and proper person to fill that high and important office; and that, having chosen him, you present him at eleven of the clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of December, at the Government House at Wellington, for His Excellency's approval.

And the Members being returned:

1. *Clerk authorized to administer the Oath.*—A Commission from His Excellency the Governor-General to the Clerk of the House, authorizing him to administer the oath required by law to the Members of the House, was read, as follows:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting.

In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby authorize

EDWARD WILLIAM KANE,

Clerk of the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said House of Representatives the oath or affirmation of allegiance to His Majesty the King required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said House.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 30th day of November, 1928.

J. G. COATES, Prime Minister.

2. *Members sworn.*—Edward William Kane, Esquire, the Commissioner authorized by His Excellency the Governor-General to administer the oath or affirmation prescribed by law to Members of the House, having received from the Clerk of the Writs, who was in attendance, a roll, accompanied by a certificate, containing a list of the names of such Members as have been returned to serve in the present Parliament, did administer the oath or affirmation to the Members who appeared; which being done, and the following Members having subscribed the oath or affirmation, they took their seats in the House:—

Alfred Edward Ansell, Esquire, Member for Chalmers;
 Hubert Thomas Armstrong, Esquire, Member for Christchurch East;
 Harry Atmore, Esquire, Member for Nelson;
 William Edward Barnard, Esquire, Member for Napier;
 John Bitchener, Esquire, Member for Waitaki;
 George Charles Cecil Black, Esquire, Member for Motueka;
 William Alexander Bodkin, Esquire, Member for Central Otago;
 Walter James Broadfoot, Esquire, Member for Waitomo;
 Thomas David Burnett, Esquire, Member for Temuka;
 Hugh McLean Campbell, Esquire, Member for Hawke's Bay;
 Clyde Leonard Carr, Esquire, Member for Timaru;
 Charles Henry Chapman, Esquire, Member for Wellington North;
 Cecil Henry Clinkard, Esquire, Member for Rotorua;
 The Right Honourable Joseph Gordon Coates, Member for Kaipara;
 John George Cobbe, Esquire, Member for Oroua;
 Philip Aklborough de la Perrelle, Esquire, Member for Awarua;

Harold Galt Dickie, Esquire, Member for Patea ;
 James Bell Donald, Esquire, Member for Auckland East ;
 William Hughes Field, Esquire, Member for Otaki ;
 John Shearer Fletcher, Esquire, Member for Grey Lynn ;
 George William Forbes, Esquire, Member for Hurunui ;
 Peter Fraser, Esquire, Member for Wellington Central ;
 Arthur William Hall, Esquire, Member for Hauraki ;
 Adam Hamilton, Esquire, Member for Wallace ;
 Alexander Harris, Esquire, Member for Waitemata ;
 Richard Wilson Hawke, Esquire, Member for Kaiapoi ;
 Edward Francis Healy, Esquire, Member for Wairau ;
 Tau Henare, Esquire, Member for Northern Maori ;
 James Thomas Hogan, Esquire, Member for Rangitikei ;
 Henry Holland, Esquire, Member for Christchurch North ;
 Henry Edmund Holland, Esquire, Member for Buller ;
 Edwin John Howard, Esquire, Member for Christchurch South ;
 Sir George Hunter, Knight, Member for Waipawa ;
 Harry Reginald Jenkins, Esquire, Member for Parnell ;
 David Jones, Esquire, Member for Mid-Canterbury ;
 Herbert Seton Stewart Kyle, Esquire, Member for Riccarton ;
 Frank Langstone, Esquire, Member for Waimarino ;
 Joseph Linklater, Esquire, Member for Manawatu ;
 Frederick Lye, Esquire, Member for Waikato ;
 William Douglas Lysnar, Esquire, Member for Gisborne ;
 Thomas William McDonald, Esquire, Member for Wairarapa ;
 David McDougall, Esquire, Member for Maitua ;
 Robert McKeen, Esquire, Member for Wellington South ;
 Charles Edward de la Barca Macmillan, Esquire, Member for Tauranga ;
 John Andrew Macpherson, Esquire, Member for Oamaru ;
 Tuiti Makitanara, Esquire, Member for Southern Maori ;
 William Lee Martin, Esquire, Member for Raglan ;
 Henry Greathead Rex Mason, Esquire, Member for Auckland Suburbs ;
 John Norman Massey, Esquire, Member for Franklin ;
 George Charles Munns, Esquire, Member for Roskill ;
 James Wright Munro, Esquire, Member for Dunedin North ;
 Alfred James Murdoch, Esquire, Member for Marsden ;
 James Alfred Nash, Esquire, Member for Palmerston ;
 The Honourable Sir Apirana Turupa Ngata, Knight, Member for Eastern Maori ;
 James O'Brien, Esquire, Member for Westland ;
 William Edward Parry, Esquire, Member for Auckland Central ;
 William John Polson, Esquire, Member for Stratford ;
 The Honourable Sir Maui Ngatata Pomare, K.B.E., C.M.G., Member for Western Maori ;
 Ethelbert Alfred Ransom, Esquire, Member for Pahiatua ;
 Harold Montague Rushworth, Esquire, Member for Bay of Islands ;
 Albert Moeller Samuel, Esq., Member for Thames ;
 Michael Joseph Savage, Esquire, Member for Auckland West ;
 Robert Semple, Esquire, Member for Wellington East ;
 Sydney George Smith, Esquire, Member for New Plymouth ;
 Arthur John Stallworthy, Esquire, Member for Eden ;
 The Honourable Sir Charles Ernest Statham, Knight, Member for Dunedin Central ;
 The Honourable William Downie Stewart, Member for Dunedin West ;
 Daniel Giles Sullivan, Esquire, Member for Avon ;
 George Robert Sykes, Esquire, Member for Masterton ;
 William Burgoyne Taverner, Esquire, Member for Dunedin South ;
 William Andrew Veitch, Esquire, Member for Wanganui ;
 Fred Waite, Esquire, Member for Clutha ;
 The Right Honourable Sir Joseph George Ward, Bart., K.C.M.G., Member for Invercargill ;
 Thomas Mason Wilford, Esquire, Member for Hutt ;
 Charles Anderson Wilkinson, Esquire, Member for Egmont ;
 The Honourable Kenneth Stuart Williams, Member for Bay of Plenty ;
 The Honourable Robert Alexander Wright, Member for Wellington Suburbs ;
 The Honourable James Alexander Young, Member for Hamilton.

3. *Election of Speaker.*—Sir George Hunter, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker the Honourable Sir Charles Ernest Statham, and moved, That the Honourable Sir Charles Ernest Statham do take the Chair of this House as Speaker ; which motion was seconded by Mr. Macpherson.

The House then calling the Honourable Sir Charles Ernest Statham, he stood up in his place and expressed his high sense of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him.

The House then again calling the Honourable Sir Charles Ernest Statham to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Sir George Hunter and Mr. Macpherson, and conducted to the Chair; when, standing upon the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the high honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously electing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates, the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, Mr. H. E. Holland, and Mr. Rushworth having congratulated Mr. Speaker elect:

The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. to-morrow.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until thirty-two minutes after three of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of December, 1928.

PRAYERS.

1. *Summons from His Excellency.*—A summons to attend His Excellency, by Arthur Thomas Bothamley, Esquire, I.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency. And being returned;

2. *Confirmation of the Election of the Speaker.*—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, accompanied by his proposer and seconder, waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, when he addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In obedience to Your Excellency's commands, the House of Representatives, in the exercise of their undoubted rights and privileges, have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and, as the subject of their choice, I now present myself to you, and submit myself for Your Excellency's approbation.

To which His Excellency replied as follows:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

It is with much pleasure that, on behalf of the King, I approve and confirm the choice which the House of Representatives has made in your person.

I congratulate you on your re-election to this distinguished position, marking as it does renewed appreciation of the House of Representatives of your impartiality and ability. I am confident that in your hands the traditions of this high and dignified office will be fully maintained.

Mr. Speaker further reported that he had also addressed His Excellency as follows:—

Thanking Your Excellency for your approbation of the choice made by the House of Representatives of me to be their Speaker, I have now, on behalf of

the House of Representatives of New Zealand, to lay claim to all their privileges, and especially to freedom of speech in debate, and to free access to Your Excellency whenever occasion may require it, and that the most favourable construction may be put on all their proceedings.

To which His Excellency replied as follows:—

I, on behalf of the King, confirm all the rights and privileges of the House of Representatives to the same extent as they have been granted hitherto. I also assure you that the House of Representatives will always have ready access to me, and that I will at all times place the most favourable construction on their proceedings.

Mr. Speaker then said,—

I desire to repeat my respectful acknowledgments to the House of the high honour they have done me in electing me to the Speaker's Chair.

3. *Authority to administer the Oath.*—A Commission from His Excellency the Governor-General to the Speaker of the House, appointing him a Commissioner for administering the oath to Members, was read, as follows:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting.

IN PURSUANCE of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby authorize

SIR CHARLES ERNEST STATHAM, Knight,

Speaker of the House of Representatives of the said Dominion, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said House of Representatives the oath or affirmation of allegiance to His Majesty the King required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said House.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 4th day of December, 1928.

J. G. COATES, Prime Minister.

4. *Member sworn.*—James McCombs, Esquire, Member for Lyttelton, having been presented to Mr. Speaker, and having taken and subscribed the affirmation required by law, took his seat in the House.
5. *Leave of Absence.*—On motion of Mr. Howard (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That six weeks' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Jordan, on account of urgent public business.
6. *Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, a Bill intituled "An Act to continue various Expiring Laws" was read a first time *pro forma*.
7. *His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Speaker reported that when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor-General this day in the Legislative Council Chamber His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Speech Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he laid upon the Table of the House, and is as follows:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

The illness of the King has created and still causes grave anxiety in every part of his Empire. I am confident that you join with me in earnest hope that His Majesty may be speedily restored to complete health and strength.

In accordance with the advice of my Ministers that immediate opportunity should be afforded to the Twenty-third Parliament of the Dominion to express approval or otherwise of their Administration, I have convened your first session to be held at the earliest possible date after the return of the writs.

It is not proposed to submit legislative measures for your consideration during your present session.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

As Supply has been already granted for the period expiring on the 30th June next, you will not be called upon during your present session to consider legislation relating to finance.

You will be furnished with information relating to the finances of the Dominion for the first seven months of this financial year.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I earnestly trust that under Divine Providence the happiness and well-being of the people of this Dominion may be advanced by the result of your deliberations.

And then the House, having continued to sit until fifty-eight minutes after two of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Thursday, the 6th Day of December, 1928.

PRAYERS.

1. *Petitions*.—Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table. (*Vide* Schedule of Public Petitions.)
2. *Rent Restriction Continuance Bill*.—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Existing Law relating to Rent Restriction, and to extend its duration; and that Mr. Fraser do prepare and bring it in.
Mr. Fraser accordingly presented the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 12th day of December, and to be printed.
3. *Papers*.—The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House :—
 1. Financial Statement for Seven Months ending 31st October, 1928, by the Hon. W. Downie Stewart. B.-6A.
 2. Railways: Working Railways of New Zealand, Special Report on the Administration and Operation of the, by the Right Hon. Mr. Coates. D.-3.
Ordered, That Papers Nos. 1 and 2 be printed.
 The Right Honourable Mr. Coates moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Report of the Department of Science and Industrial Research (Statement by the Minister in Charge) do lie upon the Table and be printed.
And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 43.

Ansell	Holland, H.	O'Brien
Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Barnard	Howard	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Samuel
Campbell	Jones	Savage
Carr	Kyle	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Chapman	Langstone	Sullivan
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Linklater	Waite
Dickie	Lysnar	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Field	McCombs	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Fraser	McKeen	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hall	Macmillan	
Hamilton	Mason	<i>Tellers.</i>
Harris	Massey	Bitchener
Henare	Munro	Nash.

NOES, 33.

Atmore	Jenkins	Rushworth
Bodkin	Lye	Smith
Broadfoot	McDonald	Stallworthy
Clinkard	McDougall	Taverner
Cobbe	Macpherson	Veitch
de la Perrelle	Makitanara	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Donald	Martin	Wilford
Fletcher	Munns	Wilkinson.
Forbes	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	<i>Tellers.</i>
Hawke	Polson	Black
Healy	Ransom	Murdoch.
Hogan		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

4. *Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.*—Mr. Ansell moved, seconded by Mr. Hall, and the Question was proposed, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof: "and that the following paragraph be added: 'In conclusion, we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.'"

A Debate arose thereupon.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this Debate be now adjourned.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed at half after ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

5. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned accordingly.

Friday, the 7th Day of December, 1928.

The House met this day at half after ten of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Papers.*—The following Papers were laid upon the Table with the leave of the House:—
4. Department of Agriculture, Report of the Recent Work of the, by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, Minister of Agriculture. H.-29A.
 5. Post and Telegraph Department: Special Report by the Prime Minister (Right Honourable Mr. Coates). F.-1A.
 6. Public Works Statement, by the Right Honourable Mr. Coates. D.-1A.
- Ordered*, That Papers Nos. 4, 5, and 6 be printed.
2. *Address in Reply.*—The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General in reply to His Excellency's Speech (*Mr. Ansell*);

and the amendment proposed thereto, To add the following words: "and that the following paragraph be added at the end thereof: 'In conclusion, we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.'" (*Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward*).

And the Question and amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be added be so added, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

AYES, 50.

Armstrong	Holland, H. E.	Parry
Atmore	Howard	Polson
Barnard	Jenkins	Ransom
Bodkin	Langstone	Rushworth
Broadfoot	Lye	Savage
Carr	McCombs	Semple
Chapman	McDonald	Smith
Clinkard	McDougall	Stallworthy
Cobbe	McKeen	Sullivan
de la Perrelle	Macpherson	Taverner
Donald	Makitanara	Veitch
Fletcher	Martin	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
Forbes	Mason	Wilford
Fraser	Munns	Wilkinson.
Hawke	Munro	<i>Tellers.</i>
Healy	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana	Black
Hogan	O'Brien	Murdoch.

NOES, 28.

Ansell	Holland, H.	Stewart, Hon. W. D.
Burnett	Hunter, Sir George	Sykes
Campbell	Jones	Waite
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Kyle	Williams, Hon. K. S.
Dickie	Linklater	Wright, Hon. R. A.
Field	Lysnar	Young, Hon. J. A.
Hall	Macmillan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Hamilton	Massey	Bitchener
Harris	Pomare, Hon. Sir Maui	Nash.
Henare	Samuel	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Original Question as amended being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution, to be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General; such Committee to consist of Mr. Forbes, Mr. Wilford, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, and the Mover.

The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency, reported that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

We unite with Your Excellency in the earnest hope that His Majesty the King may be speedily restored to complete health and strength.

We appreciate the circumstances which have necessitated convening Parliament at the earliest possible date after the return of the writs.

We join with Your Excellency in trusting that under Divine Providence the happiness and well-being of the people of this Dominion may be advanced by the result of our deliberations.

In conclusion, we deem it our duty to represent to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's Advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to His Excellency.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker, accompanied by Members of the House, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor-General at such time as His Excellency may appoint.

3. *Supply*.—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
4. *Ways and Means*.—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider Ways and Means of raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
5. *Address in Reply*.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had been informed by His Excellency the Governor-General that His Excellency would receive the Address of the House in reply to His Excellency's Speech at forty-five minutes after twelve of the clock p.m. this day.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at fifteen minutes after twelve of the clock p.m. to wait upon His Excellency the Governor-General with the Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half after two of the clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by the proposer and seconder and other Members of the House, he had attended upon His Excellency the Governor-General with the Address agreed to by the House in reply to His Excellency's Speech, to which His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for the Address which you have presented to me in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the opening of the First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament of the Dominion of New Zealand.

I fully recognize that it is essential that my Advisers should possess the confidence of the House of Representatives, and, in view of your assurance that they do not now possess that confidence, I will take measures for the formation of a new Administration.

On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, *Ordered*, That the Reply of His Excellency be entered on the Journals of the House.

6. *Illness of His Majesty the King*.—On motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, seconded by the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That we, the Members of the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyal and sincere sympathy with His Majesty the King in his illness, and to express the fervent hope that His Majesty may speedily be restored to complete health and strength.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty-seven minutes after two of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, adjourned.

Tuesday, the 11th Day of December, 1928.

PRAYERS.

1. *Chairman of Committees*.—On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward (with the leave of the House), *Resolved*, That Mr. Smith be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

2. *Illness of His Majesty the King.*—Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following memorandum received from His Excellency the Governor-General relative to the illness of His Majesty the King:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

I thank you for the Address which you have presented to me, embodying the text of a Resolution relating to the illness of His Majesty the King, which you, the Members of the House of Representatives in Parliament assembled, passed on the seventh day of December.

It has given me much pleasure to convey the terms of the Resolution by telegraph to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, for submission to His Majesty.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That the Reply of His Excellency the Governor-General be entered on the Journals of the House.

3. *Ministry.*—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward announced that the following new Ministry had been sworn in:—

Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Stamp Duties.

Honourable Mr. Forbes, Minister of Lands, Minister of Agriculture.

Honourable Mr. Wilford, Minister of Justice, Minister of Defence.

Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Minister of Native Affairs, Minister of Cook Islands.

Honourable Mr. Atmore, Minister of Education.

Honourable Mr. Veitch, Minister of Labour, Minister of Mines.

Honourable Mr. Ransom, Minister of Public Works.

Honourable Mr. Taverner, Minister of Railways, Minister of Customs.

Honourable Mr. Donald, Postmaster-General and Minister of Telegraphs.

Honourable Mr. de la Perrelle, Minister of Internal Affairs.

Honourable Mr. Stallworthy, Minister of Health.

Honourable Mr. Cobbe, Minister of Marine, Minister of Industries and Commerce, Minister of Immigration, Minister in Charge of the Inspection of Machinery Department.

Honourable Mr. Sidey, Attorney-General and Leader of the Legislative Council.

4. *Adjournment.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after two of the clock p.m. on Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until four of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, adjourned.

Thursday, the 13th Day of December, 1928.

PRAYERS.

1. *Adjournment.*—The House having continued to sit until fifty minutes after two of the clock p.m., on motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, adjourned until half after seven of the clock p.m.

The House having resumed at half after seven of the clock p.m.;

2. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

Message No. 1.

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Representatives the draft of a Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate Additional Public Moneys for certain

Specified Public Purposes, to increase the Authority to borrow Moneys for the Acquisition of Lands for Settlement, and to make Provision with respect to certain other Matters," and, on His Majesty's behalf, recommends the House to make provision accordingly.

Government House,

Wellington, 13th December, 1928.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency be referred to a Committee of the whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be considered forthwith.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That this Committee recommends that provision be made in accordance with the recommendation contained in His Excellency's Message transmitting draft of a Bill to appropriate Additional Public Moneys for certain Specified Public Purposes, to increase the Authority to borrow Moneys for the Acquisition of Lands for Settlement, and to make Provision with respect to certain other Matters.

And the Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward do prepare and bring in a Bill to give effect to the said Resolution.

3. *Finance Bill*.—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, according to Order, presented the Finance Bill, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

(*Urgency*).—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward having claimed, under Standing Order 100, that the passing of the Bill was a matter of urgency;

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That urgency be accorded the passing of the Bill.

The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward moved, and the Question was proposed, That the Finance Bill be now read a second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time accordingly, and ordered to be committed forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to appropriate Additional Public Moneys for certain Specified Public Purposes, to increase the Authority to borrow Moneys for the Acquisition of Lands for Settlement, and to make Provision with respect to certain other Matters."

Ordered, That the Clerk-Assistant do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and request their concurrence.

4. *Adjournment*.—On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until half after eleven of the clock a.m. this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit until forty minutes after three of the clock on Friday morning, on motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, adjourned.

Friday, the 14th Day of December, 1928.

The House met this day at half after eleven of the clock a.m.

PRAYERS.

1. *Standing Orders Recess Committee.*—On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward (with the leave of the House), *Ordered*, That Standing Order 219 be suspended, and that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of eleven Members, to consider such amendment of the procedure and Standing Orders of this House as will facilitate the despatch of the business; the Committee to have power to sit in the recess, to have power to call for persons and papers, and to report to Parliament on or before the 1st day of August, 1929; five to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of the Honourable Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Mr. Forbes, the Honourable Sir Apirana Ngata, Mr. Smith, the Right Honourable Mr. Coates, the Honourable Mr. Downie Stewart, Mr. Fraser, Mr. H. E. Holland, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Nash, and the Mover.

2. *Adjournment.*—The House having continued to sit until forty minutes after eleven of the clock a.m., Mr. Speaker announced that he would leave the Chair till the ringing of the bells.

And the bells having rung, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

3. *Illness of His Majesty the King.*—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward presented to Mr. Speaker the following telegram received by His Excellency the Governor-General from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs:—

London, 13th December, 1928.

YOUR telegram of the 8th of December containing terms of Resolution passed by the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives has been laid before His Majesty the King. I am commanded to request you to convey to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council and to the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives an expression of deep appreciation of Their Majesties the King and Queen for their kind message of sympathy.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, *Ordered*, That the Message be recorded on the Journals of the House.

4. *Message from Legislative Council.*—Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council has passed the Bill intituled the Finance Act, 1928 (First Session, Twenty-third Parliament), without amendment.

5. *Message.*—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward, one of His Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message received from His Excellency the Governor-General, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as follows:—

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

Message No. 2.

The Bill intituled the Finance Act, 1928 (First Session, Twenty-third Parliament), as finally passed by the Honourable the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, he has, in the name of His Majesty, assented to the said Bill.

Government House,

Wellington, 14th December, 1928.

6. *Adjournment.*—The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Ward moved, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put, the House divided, and the names were taken down as follow :—

AYES, 34.

Atmore, Hon. H.	Healy	Ngata, Hon. Sir Apirana
Bodkin	Hogan	Pomare, Sir Maui
Broadfoot	Holland, H. E.	Savage
Clinkard	Howard	Stewart
Coates, Rt. Hon. J. G.	Jenkins	Veitch, Hon. W. A.
Cobbe, Hon. J. G.	Lye	Waite
Donald, Hon. J. B.	McDonald	Wilford, Hon. T. M
Field	Macpherson	Wilkinson.
Fletcher	Mason	
Forbes, Hon. G. W.	Munns	<i>Tellers.</i>
Fraser	Munro	Ansell
Hawke	Murdoch	McDougall.

NOES, 34.

Armstrong	Kyle	Semple
Barnard	Langstone	Smith
Bitchener	McKeen	Stallworthy, Hon. A. J.
Black	Macmillan	Sykes
Carr	Martin	Taverner, Hon. W. B.
Chapman	Massey	Ward, Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph
de la Perrelle, Hon. P. A.	Nash	Wright
Dickie	O'Brien	Young.
Hall	Parry	
Harris	Polson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Holland, H.	Ransom, Hon. E. A.	Makitanara
Jones	Samuel	Sullivan.

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the Ayes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And then the House, having continued to sit until eleven minutes after one of the clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.

Proroguing the General Assembly.

[L.S.] CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it is, among other things, enacted that the Governor may, at his pleasure, prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand :

And whereas by an Order in Council of the ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seven, His Majesty was pleased to approve the draft of a Proclamation substituting the title of the Dominion of New Zealand for that of the Colony of New Zealand as the designation of the said Colony :

Now, therefore, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, and of every other power and authority in this behalf enabling me, do hereby proclaim and declare that I do this day prorogue the General Assembly of New Zealand until Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and the said General Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 19th day of December, 1928.

THOMAS M. WILFORD,
For Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

