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# LEGISLATURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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(From 28th June, 1917.)

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Ardagh, The Honourable Richard George ..	May, 1918 ..	North-East
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Carson, The Honourable Henry ..	May, 1914 ..	Central
Clarke, The Honourable Ephraim Mayo ..	May, 1914 ..	South-West
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Cornell, The Honourable James ..	May, 1918 ..	South
Cunningham, The Honourable James ..	July, 1916 ..	North-East
Dodd, The Honourable Jabez Edward ..	May, 1916 ..	South
Duffell, The Honourable Joseph ..	May, 1914 ..	Metropolitan-Suburban
Ewing, The Honourable John ..	May, 1918 ..	South-West
Greig, The Honourable James Alexander ..	April, 1916 ..	South-East
Hamersley, The Honourable Vernon ..	September, 1916 ..	East
Hickey, The Honourable James William ..	May, 1916 ..	Central
Holmes, The Honourable John Joseph ..	May, 1914 ..	North
Kingsmill, The Honourable Walter, B.A. ..	May, 1916 ..	Metropolitan
Kirwan, The Honourable John Waters ..	May, 1914 ..	South
Lynn, The Honourable Robert John ..	May, 1918 ..	West
McKenzie, The Honourable Cuthbert ..	May, 1916 ..	South-East
Miles, The Honourable George James Gallop Warden ..	May, 1918 ..	North
Millington, The Honourable Harold ..	March, 1914 ..	North-East
Mills, The Honourable Joshua ..	May, 1918 ..	Central
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Rose, The Honourable Edwin ..	May, 1916 ..	South-West
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Saunders, The Honourable Henry John ..	May, 1918 ..	Metropolitan
Saw, The Honourable Athelstan John Henton, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.E. ..	June, 1916 ..	Metropolitan-Suburban
Stewart, The Honourable Hector, M.C.E. ..	May, 1918 ..	South-East
Wittenoom, The Honourable Sir Edward Horne, K.C.M.G. ..	May, 1916 ..	North

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## TENTH PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

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NOTE.—Mr. B. J. Stubbs was returned unopposed for Subiaco at the General Election, but was killed in action on the 28th September, 1917. At the by-election Mr. S. M. Brown was elected for Subiaco.

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## TENTH PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

*Apprentices Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 2)—*

An Act to protect the interests of Apprentices enlisting for Active Service. Introduced by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. H. P. Colebatch), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Appropriation Act (8 Geo. V., No. 24)—*

An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and from Moneys to Credit of the Trust Fund and the General Loan Fund and from the Public Account, certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and to supplement grants made by the present Parliament during its last Session in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1916-17," for charges during the Year ended the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 10th April, 1918. Assent given.

*Broome Local Court Admiralty Jurisdiction Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 16)—*

An Act to confer limited admiralty jurisdiction upon the Local Court at Broome and for other relative purposes. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 20th November, 1917. Reserved.

*Curator of Intestate Estates Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 23)—*

An Act to repeal the existing provisions relating to the Curator of Intestate Estates and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof, and to enable the Curator to be appointed to various fiduciary positions, and to be charged with the administration of various trust moneys and estates, and for other relative purposes. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Dividend Duties Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 12)—*

An Act to further amend the Dividend Duties Act, 1902. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 6th March, 1918. Assent given.

*Electoral Act Amendment Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 19)—*

An Act to amend the Electoral Act, 1907. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Employment Brokers Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 1)—*

An Act to amend the Employment Brokers Act, 1909. Introduced by Mr. Mullany, 6th February, 1918. Assent given.

*Fire Brigades Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 8)—*

An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1916. Introduced by Hon. R. H. Underwood (Honorary Minister), 15th May, 1918. Assent given.

*Fremantle Endowment Lands Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 5)—*

An Act to extend the boundaries of the Fremantle Municipal District by including therein portion of Cockburn Sound Location 551, and to enable a portion of the said Location to be reserved for the endowment of the Melville Roads Board. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. W. J. George), 19th April, 1918. Assent given.

*Friendly Societies Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 3)—*

An Act to amend the Friendly Societies Act, 1894. Introduced by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. H. P. Colebatch), 26th February, 1918. Assent given.

*General Loan and Inscribed Stock Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 10)—*

An Act to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Act, 1910. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 6th March, 1918. Assent given.

*Health Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 7)—*

An Act to amend the Health Act, 1911-15. Introduced by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. H. P. Colebatch), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Industries Assistance Act Continuation Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 17)*—

An Act to continue the operation of the Industries Assistance Act, 1915. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Insurance Companies Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 9)*—

An Act to provide for the Deposit of Security by Insurance Companies. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 21st March, 1918. Assent given.

*Land Act Amendment Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 20)*—

An Act to extend the time within which Leases may be surrendered and applications made for new Leases under Section 30, Subsection 4, of the Land Act Amendment Act, 1917. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. H. B. Lefroy), 6th March, 1918. Assent given.

*Land and Income Tax Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 14)*—

An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act, 1907. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 21st March, 1918. Assent given.

*Land Tax Adjustment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 13)*—

An Act to adjust the Land Tax for the Year ending 30th June, 1918. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 30th May, 1918. Assent given.

*Land Tax and Income Tax Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 12)*—

An Act to impose a Land Tax and an Income Tax. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 21st November, 1917. Assent given.

*Land Tax and Income Tax Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 15)*—

An Act to impose a Land Tax and an Income Tax. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 21st May, 1918. Assent given.

*Local Option Continuance Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 15)*—

An Act to continue until the month of April, 1921, the Licensing Districts as constituted by the Licensing Act, 1911, and the Local Option Resolutions in force thereunder. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Postponement of Debts Act Continuation Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 9)*—

An Act to continue the operation of the Postponement of Debts Act, 1914. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 21st November, 1917. Assent given.

*Reappropriation of Loan Moneys Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 4)*—

An Act to authorise the re-appropriation of certain Loan Moneys. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 10th April, 1918. Assent given.

*Roads Act Continuation Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 11)*—

An Act to continue the operation of the Roads Act, 1911, and its amendments. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. W. J. George), 21st November, 1917. Assent given.

*Sale of Liquor Regulation Act Continuation Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 10)*—

An Act to continue the operation of the Sale of Liquor Regulation Act, 1915. Introduced by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 21st November, 1917. Assent given.

*Sewerage Works Validation Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 18)*—

An Act to validate the construction and extension of Sewerage Works by the Minister of Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage notwithstanding non-compliance with Section 19 to 23 of the Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1909. Introduced by the Minister of Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage (Hon. W. J. George), 24th January, 1918. Assent given.

*Stamp Act Amendment Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 11)*—

An Act to further amend the Stamp Act, 1882. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 6th March, 1918. Assent given.

*Supply Act (8 Geo. V., No. 3)*—

An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Three hundred thousand pounds; and from Moneys to Credit of the Government Property Sales Fund, Ten thousand pounds, to the Service of the Year ending 30th June, 1918. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 21st November, 1917. Assent given.

*Totalisator Duty Act Amendment Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 22)—*

An Act to amend the Totalisator Duty Act, 1905. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 6th March, 1918. Assent given.

*Transfer of Land Act Amendment Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 13)—*

An Act to amend the Transfer of Land Act, 1893. Introduced by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. H. P. Colebatch), 20th November, 1917. Assent given.

*Treasury Bonds Deficiency Act, 1918 (8 Geo. V., No. 21)—*

An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bonds or Inscribed Stock to provide for the Deficiency of the Consolidated Revenue Fund up to the thirtieth day of June, 1917, and for purposes incidental thereto. Introduced by the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. J. Gardiner), 6th March, 1918. Reserved.

*Wheat Marketing Act, 1917 (8 Geo. V., No. 14)—*

An Act to extend the operation of the Wheat Marketing Act, 1916. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. H. B. Lefroy), 21st November, 1917. Assent given.

*Wheat Marketing Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 16)—*

An Act to extend the operation of and to amend the Wheat Marketing Act, 1916. Introduced by Hon. C. F. Baxter (Honorary Minister), 21st May, 1917. Assent given.

*Wyndham Freezing, Canning, and Meat Export Works Act, 1918 (9 Geo. V., No. 6)—*

An Act to authorise the establishment of the Wyndham Freezing, Canning, and Meat Export Works as a State Trading Concern. Introduced by Hon. R. H. Underwood (Honorary Minister) on 10th April, 1918. Assent given.

## PRIVATE STATUTE OF THE SESSION.

*Special Lease (Gypsum) Act—*

An Act to enable a Special Lease to be granted under the Land Act, 1898, of 5,000 Acres of land situated near Dukin, in the South-West Division of the State. Introduced in Assembly by Mr. A. E. Piesse, 12th March, 1918. Assent given.

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### *Criminal Code Amendment Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 5th February, 1918; second reading moved, debate not concluded.

### *Dentists Act Amendment Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by the Hon. T. Walker, 24th January, 1918; second reading moved, debate not concluded.

### *Grain Elevators Agreement Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Industries (Hon. R. T. Robinson), on 20th March, 1918; passed all stages. Received in Council on 12th April, 1918; rejected on second reading by 11 votes to 10 on 22nd May, 1918.

### *Interpretation Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 13th February, 1918. Not further proceeded with.

### *Prisons Act Amendment Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General (Hon. R. T. Robinson), 5th February, 1918; second reading passed 12th February, 1918. Not further proceeded with.

### *Public Education Act Amendment Bill—*

Introduced in Council by the Minister for Education (Hon. H. P. Colebatch), 24th January, 1918; passed all stages. Received in Assembly 29th February, 1918. Not further proceeded with.

### *Rabbit Act Amendment Bill—*

Introduced in Council by Hon. C. F. Baxter (Honorary Minister), 19th February, 1918. Passed all stages. Received in Assembly 12th April, 1918; passed second reading, referred to Select Committee, report received and adopted 15th May, 1918. Not further proceeded with.

### *The Church of England Diocesan Trustees and Lands Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by the Premier (Hon. H. B. Lefroy), 12th March, 1918. Not further proceeded with.

### *Vermin Bill—*

Introduced in Assembly by Hon. F. E. S. Willmott (Honorary Minister) on 15th May, 1918; passed all stages. Received in Council on the 29th May, 1918. Second reading moved. Not further proceeded with.

### *Vermin Boards Act Amendment Bill—*

Introduced in Council by Hon. G. F. Baxter (Honorary Minister) on the 19th February, 1918. Passed all stages. Received in Assembly 10th April, 1918; second reading moved 19th April, 1918. Discharged 21st May, 1918.

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