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DURING THE

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OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

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His Excellency Sir HAMILTON JOHN GOOLD-ADAMS, G.C.M.G., C.B.

THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR.

The Honourable Sir POPE ALEXANDER COOPER, C.J., M.A., K.C.M.G.

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With Seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Chief Secretary and Attorney-General—The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH RYAN.

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THEODORE.

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The Secretary for Public Lands—The Honourable JOHN HARRY COYNE.

The Secretary for Railways—The Honourable JOHN ARTHUR FIDELLY.

The Secretary for Public Instruction—The Honourable HERBERT FREEMONT HARDACRE.

Vice-President of the Executive Council—The Honourable JOHN McEWAN HUNTER.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable WILLIAM NEAL GILLIES.

With Seat in the Legislative Council.

The Secretary for Mines—The Honourable ALFRED JAMES JONES.

CHANGES DURING THE RECESS.

On 26th April, the Honourable William Neal Gillies was appointed a member of the Executive Council.

On 30th April, the Honourable Thomas Joseph Ryan resigned as Vice-President of the Executive Council, the Honourable John McEwan Hunter resigned as Secretary for Public Lands, and the Honourable John Harry Coyne resigned as Secretary for Railways. On the same day the Honourable John McEwan Hunter was appointed Vice-President of the Executive Council, the Honourable John Arthur Fidelity was appointed Secretary for Railways, and the Honourable John Harry Coyne was appointed Secretary for Public Lands.

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FAHEY, Honourable BARTLEY.

NEVITT, Honourable THOMAS.

STEPHENS, Honourable WILLIAM.

²BEDFORD, Honourable RANDOLPH.

BEIRNE, Honourable THOMAS CHARLES.

BRENTNALL, Honourable FREDERICK THOMAS.

CAMPBELL, Honourable CHARLES.

CAMPBELL, Honourable WILLIAM HENRY.

COURTICE, Honourable FREDERICK.

² Resigned his seat 21st February, 1918; reappointed, 27th May, 1918.

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 TURNER, Honourable HENRY.
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 PETERSON, JAMES CHRISTIAN, Esquire (*Normanby*).
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 VOWLES, WILLIAM JOHN, Esquire (*Dalby*).
 WALKER, HARRY FREDERICK, Esquire (*Cooroorra*).
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Legislative Assembly: The Speaker, Mr. Gunn, and Mr. Dunstan.

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Legislative Assembly: The Speaker, Mr. Corser, and Mr. Kirwan.

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PRINTING.—The Speaker, The Chairman of Committees, Mr. Barber, Mr. Smith, Mr. Winstanley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McLachlan, Mr. Grayson, and Mr. T. J. Ryan.

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THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency Sir HAMILTON JOHN GOOLD-ADAMS, G.C.M.G., C.B. (left the State, 27th January, 1920).

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

The Honourable WILLIAM LENNON (sworn in on 3rd February, 1920).

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Honourable Sir POPE ALEXANDER COOPER, C.J., M.A., K.C.M.G. (sworn in as Administrator of the Government on 28th January, 1920, and acted until 3rd February, 1920, when His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was sworn in).

THE MINISTRY.

When the session opened on 5th August, 1919, the Ministry was constituted as follows:—

With Seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Premier, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General—The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH RYAN.

Treasurer and Secretary for Public Works—The Honourable EDWARD GRANVILLE THEODORE.

Home Secretary—The Honourable JOHN HUXHAM.

Secretary for Agriculture and Stock—The Honourable WILLIAM LENNON.

Secretary for Public Lands—The Honourable JOHN HARRY COYNE.

Secretary for Railways—The Honourable JOHN ARTHUR FIDELLY.

Secretary for Public Instruction—The Honourable HERBERT FREEMONT HARDACRE.

Vice-President of the Executive Council—The Honourable JOHN McEWAN HUNTER.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable WILLIAM NEAL GILLIES.

With Seat in the Legislative Council.

Secretary for Mines—The Honourable ALFRED JAMES JONES.

CHANGES DURING THE SESSION.

On 9th September, 1919, His Excellency the Governor accepted the resignations of—

The Honourable HERBERT FREEMONT HARDACRE as a member of the Executive Council, and as Secretary for Public Instruction;

The Honourable WILLIAM LENNON as a member of the Executive Council, and as Secretary for Agriculture and Stock; and of

The Honourable JOHN HUXHAM as Home Secretary.

On the same day His Excellency appointed—

The Honourable JOHN HUXHAM to be Secretary for Public Instruction;

The Honourable WILLIAM NEAL GILLIES to be Secretary for Agriculture and Stock;

The Honourable WILLIAM McCORMACK to be a member of the Executive Council, and Home Secretary; and

The Honourable JAMES LARCOMBE to be a member of the Executive Council.

On 22nd October, 1919, His Excellency the Governor accepted the resignations of—

The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH RYAN as Premier, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General;

The Honourable EDWARD GRANVILLE THEODORE as Treasurer and Secretary for Public Works;

The Honourable JOHN HUXHAM as Secretary for Public Instruction;

The Honourable JOHN ARTHUR FIDELLY as Secretary for Railways;

The Honourable JOHN HARRY COYNE as Secretary for Public Lands;

The Honourable ALFRED JAMES JONES as Secretary for Mines;

The Honourable WILLIAM NEAL GILLIES as Secretary for Agriculture and Stock;

The Honourable WILLIAM McCORMACK as Home Secretary; and

The Honourable JOHN McEWAN HUNTER as Vice-President and member of the Executive Council.

THE MINISTRY—*continued.*

On the same day the Honourable John Mullan was appointed a member of the Executive Council, and a new Ministry was formed under the Premiership of the Honourable Edward Granville Theodore, the portfolios being allotted in the following manner:—

With Seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Vice-President of the Executive Council, Premier, Chief Secretary, and Treasurer—

The Honourable EDWARD GRANVILLE THEODORE;

Secretary for Railways and Minister for Justice—The Honourable JOHN ARTHUR FHELLY;

Secretary for Agriculture and Stock—The Honourable WILLIAM NEAL GILLIES;

Home Secretary—The Honourable WILLIAM MCCORMACK;

Secretary for Public Lands—The Honourable JOHN HARRY COYNE;

Secretary for Public Instruction—The Honourable JOHN HUXHAM;

Secretary for Public Works—The Honourable JAMES LARCOMBE; and

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable JOHN MULLAN.

With Seat in the Legislative Council.

Secretary for Mines—The Honourable ALFRED JAMES JONES.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

President—The Honourable WILLIAM HAMILTON.

Chairman of Committees—The Honourable WILLIAM FREDERICK TAYLOR, M.D.

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DAVEY, Honourable ALFRED ALLEN.

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BEDFORD, Honourable RANDOLPH.

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LLEWELLYN, Honourable HENRY.

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MILES, Honourable EDWARD DAVID.

MORETON, Honourable BERKELEY BASIL.

† MULVEY, Honourable ROBERT JOSEPH.

* Death announced, 5th August, 1919.

† Summoned to Council, 18th August, 1919.

‡ Summoned to Council, 19th February, 1920.

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GILDAY, JOHN THEOPHILUS, Esquire (*Ithaca*).
GILLIES, Honourable WILLIAM NEAL (*Eacham*).
GLEDSON, DAVID ALEXANDER, Esquire (*Ipswich*).
GRAYSON, FRANCIS, Esquire (*Cunningham*).
GUNN, DONALD, Esquire (*Carnarvon*).
HARTLEY, HAROLD LESLIE, Esquire (*Fitzroy*).
HODGE, ROBERT SAMUEL, Esquire (*Nanango*).
HUXHAM, Honourable JOHN (*Buranda*).

* Elected, 9th January, 1920, upon the resignation on the same date of Hon. W. Lennon, who had been elected to the office on 9th September, 1919, in succession to Hon. William McCormack, who resigned the office and became Home Secretary on the same date.

† Elected, 13th January, 1920, upon the vacation of the office by Hon. William Bertram by reason of his election as Speaker.

‡ Elected, 20th December, 1919, *vice* Hon. Thomas Joseph Ryan, who resigned his seat, 14th October, 1919.

§ Elected, 20th December, 1919, *vice* Hon. Herbert Freemont Hardacre, who resigned his seat, 14th October, 1919, and was appointed a member of the Land Court.

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 KIRWAN, MICHAEL JOSEPH, Esquire (*Brisbane*).
 LAND, EDWARD MARTIN, Esquire (*Balonne*).
 LARCOMBE, Honourable JAMES (*Keppel*).
 LLOYD, WILLIAM FIELD, Esquire (*Enoggera*).
 MACARTNEY, EDWARD HENRY, Esquire (*Toowoong*).
 MCCORMACK, Honourable WILLIAM (*Cairns*).
 MCLACHLAN, PETER ALFRED, Esquire (*Merthyr*).
 MOORE, ARTHUR EDWARD, Esquire (*Aubigny*).
 MORGAN, GODFREY, Esquire (*Murilla*).
 MULLAN, Honourable JOHN (*Flinders*).
 O'SULLIVAN, JAMES, Esquire (*Kennedy*).
 PAYNE, JOHN, Esquire (*Mitchell*).
 PETERSON, JAMES CHRISTIAN, Esquire (*Normanby*).
 PETRIE, ANDREW LANG, Esquire (*Toombul*).
 POLLOCK, GEORGE, Esquire (*Gregory*).
 RIORDAN, DAVID, Esquire (*Burke*).
 ROBERTS, THOMAS ROBERT, Esquire (*East Toowoomba*).
 RYAN, DANIEL, Esquire (*Townsville*).
 RYAN, HENRY JOSEPH, Esquire (*Cook*).
 SIZER, HUBERT EBENEZER, Esquire (*Nundah*).
 SMITH, WILLIAM FORGAN, Esquire (*Mackay*).
 SOMERSET, HENRY PLANTAGENET, Esquire (*Stanley*).
 § SPENCER, THOMAS ALFRED, Esquire (*Maranoa*).
 STOPFORD, JAMES, Esquire (*Mount Morgan*).
 SWAYNE, EDWARD BOWDICK, Esquire (*Mirani*).
 TAYLOR, CHARLES, Esquire (*Windsor*).
 THEODORE, Honourable EDWARD GRANVILLE (*Chillagoe*).
 THOMPSON, ANDREW, Esquire (*Wide Bay*).
 VOWLES, WILLIAM JOHN, Esquire (*Dalby*).
 WALKER, HARRY FREDERICK, Esquire (*Cooroora*).
 WARREN, RICHARD JAMES, Esquire (*Murrumba*).
 WEIR, DAVID, Esquire (*Maryborough*).
 WELLINGTON, WILLIAM JOHN, Esquire (*Charters Towers*).
 WHITFORD, ALBERT EDWARD VICTOR, Esquire (*Burrum*).
 WILSON, THOMAS, Esquire (*Fortitude Valley*).
 WINSTANLEY, VERNON, Esquire (*Queenton*).

§ Elected, 20th December, 1919, *vice* Hon. John McEwan Hunter, who resigned his seat, 22nd October, 1919, and was appointed Agent-General in London.

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Legislative Assembly: The Speaker, Mr. Gunn, and Mr. Dunstan.

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Legislative Assembly: The Speaker, Mr. Corser, and Mr. Kirwan.

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Legislative Assembly: The Speaker, Mr. Petrie, and Mr. Payne.

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Vice-President of the Executive Council, Premier, Chief Secretary, and Treasurer—
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On 9th March His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor accepted the resignation of—

The Honourable EDWARD GRANVILLE THEODORE as Treasurer;

and on the same day His Excellency appointed—

The Honourable JOHN ARTHUR FIELLY to be Treasurer, Secretary for Railways, and
Minister for Justice.

On 7th April His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor accepted the resignations of—

The Honourable JOHN ARTHUR FIELLY as Secretary for Railways and Minister for
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The Honourable JAMES LARCOMBE as Secretary for Public Works.

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 BUTLER, ROBERT JOHN CUTHBERT, Esquire (*Lockyer*).
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 FORDE, FRANCIS MICHAEL, Esquire (*Rockhampton*).
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 FRY, JAMES PORTER, Esquire (*Kurilpa*).
 GILDAY, JOHN THEOPHILUS, Esquire (*Ithaca*).
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 MCCORMACK, Honourable WILLIAM (*Cairns*).
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