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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Brought up by Mr. Premier, November 23, 1927, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed.

### REPORT.

THE Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present the following Report:—

Your Committee, having taken into consideration five applications, viz. :—(1) From the Emu Bay Municipal Council (Bill No. 79), for the sum of £8000, to authorise the purchase and the erection of the necessary equipment required in connection with the change over to the Hydro-Electric Department alternating current; (2) from the Evandale Municipal Council (Bill No. 81), for the sum of £3000 for the purpose of supplying power and light to portion of the Evandale Municipality from the Hydro-Electric Department; (3) from the Kentish Municipal Council (Bill No. 97), for the sum of £2300 to extend the electrical system from Sheffield to Roland, *via* Kentish; (4) from the Penguin Municipal Council (Bill No. 91), for £500 to provide for the purchase of transformers now rented from the Hydro-Electric Department, to complete purchase of 22,000-volt transformers, and to provide for further loan works in connecting up new consumers; (5) from the Leven Municipal Council (Bill No. 106), for £1000 for extension of electric lighting system—is satisfied, from the data placed before it, that each of the above municipalities is able to finance the additional burden which the granting of the said applications involves, and has resolved to recommend the above proposed loans, subject to the plans and specifications relating thereto, being approved by the Hydro-Electric Department, to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House.

Your Committee recommends that provision be made in the Evandale Lighting Bill that the Act shall not come into operation until a date fixed by proclamation.

#### LEVEN MUNICIPALITY LOAN.

This was an application for a loan of £7000 for the purposes of carrying out the objects of the Ulverstone Water Act, 1905. It was resolved to recommend a loan of £6000.

GLAMORGAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

This was an application for a loan of £250 to make better provision for a water supply for the Town of Swansea.

Your Committee resolved to recommend the granting of the loan.

NELSON'S LAGOON DRAINAGE BOARD LOAN.

This was an application from the Nelson's Lagoon Drainage Board for a loan of £2000 for the purpose of re-grading and draining Nelson's Lagoon (Flinders Island.) After hearing the evidence of David Manton Davis and Robert Barr Montgomery, and having considered the report of an officer of the Lands Department, it was resolved to recommend the granting of the loan with a sinking fund of two and a half per cent.

J. A. LYONS, Chairman

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