

**THE GENERAL PAU SCHOLARSHIP.**

General Pau, when visiting Australia at the head of the French Mission in 1918, donated one thousand guineas to the Commonwealth Government for the establishment of a University scholarship for the benefit of a child of a deceased soldier, who, in the opinion of the University Professorial Board, was the most brilliant student in any faculty. The benefits accruing under the scholarship can be applied to an undergraduate attending the Adelaide University during the current academic year, and Geoffrey Lawrence Woolnough has been successful in securing the scholarship.

Mr. Woolnough, who is 17 years of age, is the son of Mrs. A. H. Woolnough, of Fisher-street, Malvern, whose husband was killed in action whilst on service with the 27th Battalion.

He received his education at the Unley State School, Pulteney Grammar School, and Christian Brothers' College, where he secured in 1920 the John Walker scholarship, entitling him to three years' tuition at Scotch College. In 1921 he passed the junior public examination in nine subjects, obtaining credits in four subjects, and the senior public examination of 1922 and the senior public examination of 1923 with one credit. In 1923

Dr. C. M. Deland has been appointed a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital.

**THE LOAN ESTIMATES.**

**Expenditure of £7,514,723 Proposed.**

**Public Purposes Loan Bill to Raise £3,782,200.**

The Loan Estimates laid on the table of the Assembly yesterday show that it is proposed by the Government to spend out of loan money during the current financial year, £7,514,723 on public works, the chief item of which is £2,500,000 for the railway department.

Interesting details of the money to be spent on public works in the financial year 1924-25 are contained in the Loan Estimates, which were tabled in the House of Assembly on Tuesday by the Treasurer (Hon. J. Gunn). At the recent Loan Council it was agreed that South Australia's new borrowings for works in this financial year should be limited to £5,000,000. Allowing for estimated credits of £1,414,723, the gross estimated expenditure for the year will be £7,014,723. To this figure has to be added £500,000 for War Service Homes, the money for which will be found by the Commonwealth Government, making a total gross loan programme of £7,514,723.

**Details of the Estimates.**

**The Treasury.—Advances for Homes Fund, £1,450,000.**

**Local Government Department.—Construction of roads, £33,000; main roads reconstruction, £100,000; Torrens Gorge to Gumeracha road, £9,600; purchase and erection of weighbridges, £400; total, £143,000.**

**Lands and Survey.—Total expenditure, £101,203. Principal items:—Advances to settlers, £25,000; loans for fencing, £25,000; vermin-proof fencing, £35,000; sheds and tanks for settlers, £1,500; and repurchase for closer settlement, £5,000; purchase of land for agricultural graduates, £5,000.**

**Irrigation Commission.—Irrigation and reclamation of swamp lands, £325,000; loans to lessees of reclaimed lands, £15,000; Pekina Creek waterworks, £7,000; total, £347,000.**

**Railways Commissioners.—Total, £2,500,000, of which the chief item is railway accommodation, £2,301,100. Other items:—North-western railway system, £90,000; Parings to Renmark extension, £30,000; Wambi to Moorook, £27,000; Goodwood to Willunga, £19,300; Eyre Peninsula railways, £14,700; Wandana to Penong, £8,000; Salisbury to Long Plains, £2,200; Murray lands, £2,000; Riverton to Spalding, £1,000; Tailm Beach to Brown's Well, £900.**

**Harbors Board.—Total, £480,000. Principal items:—Deepening, &c., Port Adelaide, £230,550; wharves, additional accommodation, £41,850; purchase, reinstating, and improvements, £60,750; harbor improvements, coal handling appliances, &c., £40,800; floating crane, £27,000; Outer Harbor, £27,800; jetties, £11,000; harbors generally, £10,000; Ocean Steamers' Wharf (Port Adelaide), £10,000; explosives, magazines, £1,700; life-saving services, £1,150.**

**Engineer-in-Chief.—Total, £298,020. Principal items:—Murray River weirs, locks, dams, &c., £200,000; water conservation, £41,000; produce stores, &c., £33,000; new roads outside district councils' boundaries, £13,000; South-East drainage works, £6,000.**

**Hydraulic Engineer.—Waterworks and Sewers, total, £303,000. Chief items:—Tod River, £22,800; Warren water district, £178,000; Adelaide sewers, £133,800; Adelaide and Millbrook, £125,000; Beetaloo and Bundaleer, £135,500; country water districts, £62,500; Barossa, £30,000; Spring Creek and Mount Remarkable, £1,300; Baroota Creek, £1,000.**

tabled, the Government propose by means of a Public Purposes Loan Bill to raise £3,782,200 for various undertakings. These are as follow:—

**Railways.—Railway accommodation, £1,000,000; Bumbunga to Lochiel, £1,000; Wambi to Moorook, £30,000. Total, £1,031,000.**

**Harbor Improvements.—Deepening and Improvements at Port Adelaide, £150,000; Floating Crane, £12,000; Harbors generally, £2,000; River Murray—Weirs, dams, locks, &c., £12,000; Wharves—Purchase, reinstating, and improvements, £185,000. Total, £339,000.**

**Drainage, &c.—River Torrens floodwaters, £400; Adelaide sewers, £130,000. Total, £530,000.**

**Waterworks.—Adelaide and Millbrook water districts, £80,000; Beetaloo and Bundaleer water district, £200,000; country water districts, £50,000; Tod River water district, £130,000; Warren water district, £175,000. Total, £635,000.**

**Buildings, &c.—Adelaide University—Engineering and Physics school, £17,000; erection of schoolhouses, £65,000; explosives magazines, £300; land for public buildings, £4,000; Yatala Labor Prison—carpenter's and blacksmith's shops, &c., £1,000. Total, £87,300.**

**Roads.—Construction of roads, £18,000.**

**Other Loan Works.—Advances for Homes Fund, £500,000; Loans for fencing, £10,000; loans for producers, £52,000; sheds and tanks for settlers, £3,000; lessees of reclaimed, &c., land—loans to £12,000; land repurchase for scenic reserves, &c., £7,500; overway bridge at Mile-End—Moiety of cost, £25,000 purchase of land for agricultural graduates, £10,000; settlement of discharged soldiers on the land, £600,000. Total, £1,519,500. Grand total, £3,782,200.**

**The Treasurer's Explanation.**

The Assembly having resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the Loan Estimates and excesses on Loan Estimates, the Treasurer on Tuesday explained the main features of the Estimates. He said a condensed summary of the total loan programme under the various departmental heads was:—

Advances for homes (civilians)	£950,000
War service homes	500,000
Roads and bridges	145,000
Vermin-proof fencing, &c.	101,203
Irrigation and reclamation	347,000
Railways	2,500,000
Harbors and jetties	480,000
Murray River weirs, water conservation, produce stores, &c.	298,020
Waterworks and sewers	953,000
Glanville workshops	173,000
Schools, hospitals, and other buildings	220,000
Overway bridge at Mile-End crossing	25,000
Repatriation of discharged soldiers on the land	750,000
Loans to producers	65,000
Land repurchase for scenic reserves (Kingston Park)	7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,514,723</b>

under the various activities of the Lands and Survey Department, and it was anticipated that the total repayments for the year would exceed the total new advances. In regard to the item, irrigation and reclamation, £150,000, he pointed out that in addition to the repayments of advances, there would be special credits in respect of the Berri and Moorook distilleries, for which there would be a corresponding debit under loans to producers. There would also be special credits for irrigation areas now ready for settlement and handed over to the soldier settlement branch, for which items there would be corresponding debits under repatriation of discharged soldiers. For waterworks and sewers, £140,000 was provided. Pipe material, &c., was worked up in the Adelaide workshops and then supplied to the various country water districts. In such cases the country water districts were debited with their fair share of the cost, which was credited back to the Adelaide district, which bore the original debits for material, wages, &c. Additional credits arose in the case of worn-out water mains, &c., which had to be replaced, the original cost of which was being recouped to loan by payments out of revenue. In connection with the amount of £173,000 for Glanville workshops, the workshops cast iron pipes, &c., and as those were made they were used for the various works in hand, which were, of course, debited with the cost. That created a credit to the Glanville workshops, and the experience showed that generally in any one year the total of such credits slightly exceeded the total debits. For the current financial year it was assumed that the debits and credits would equal each other. Included in the amount of £400,000 for repatriation of discharged soldiers was approximately £300,000 for interest recouped, and the balance of £100,000 was estimated to come from repayments of principal. The following table showed the position:—

Department.	Expenditure.	Credits.	Net Expenditure.
Advances for Homes (civilians)	950,000	300,000	650,000
Roads and Bridges	145,000	20,000	125,000
Lands and Survey (Advances to Settlers, &c.)	101,203	111,703	Cr. 10,500
Irrigation and Reclamation	347,000	150,000	197,000
Railways	2,500,000	30,000	2,470,000
Harbors and Jetties	480,000	30,000	450,000
Engineer-in-Chief (Murray River Locks, &c.)	298,020	60,000	238,020
Hydraulic Engineer (Waterworks and Sewers)	953,000	140,000	813,000
Hydraulic Engineer (Glanville Workshops)	173,000	173,000	—
Architect-in-Chief (Schools, Hospitals, &c.)	220,000	—	220,000
Repatriation of Discharged Soldiers	750,000	400,000	350,000
Loans to Producers	65,000	—	65,000
Tramways Bridge, Mile-End	25,000	—	25,000
Scenic Reserves, &c. (Kingston Park)	7,500	—	7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,014,723</b>	<b>£1,414,723</b>	<b>£5,600,000</b>

War Service Homes (money found by Commonwealth Government) 500,000

Grand total £7,514,723

It had only been with great difficulty that the Government had been able to present the Loan Estimates showing a programme within the amount mentioned, and though they would endeavor to keep within that limit, so as to conform with the agreement with the Loan Council, it might be found necessary again to indulge in small excesses in order to carry on urgent works. He would deal with the railway and other public works as the lines came before the House.

Progress was reported.

**TECHNICAL TRAINING.**

**DIFFICULTY OVER ACCOMMODATION.**

The Minister of Education (Hon. L. Hill), in reply to Mr. Birrell, in the Assembly on Tuesday, said there was some difficulty in providing accommodation for the trades apprentices under the Act. At present they had 670 registered apprentices, and there were 533 others for whom no accommodation could be found. The late Government, unfortunately, had taken the accommodation which they had at Kintore-avenue for the Barwell boys scheme, and had put some of the boys in Brown-street school, and others down at the Thebarton Technical School. The Government had experienced much difficulty in obtaining accommodation, but it was hoped they would be able to secure suitable premises at an early date pending the building of a technical apprentices' school on land in Kintore-avenue. Another serious difficulty arose out of the fact that the school at Thebarton was originally built for the junior technical boys coming from the primary schools, but it was now used by 670 trades apprentices. The Government were anxious of the necessity of doing whatever was possible to accommodate the trade apprentices.

**APPEAL FOR HOSPITALS.**

**A SPECIAL DAY SUGGESTED.**

The Premier (Hon. J. Gunn) told Mr. Edwards, in the Assembly on Tuesday, that he was aware that in other States provision was made for a day to be set apart for a general appeal for hospitals, and that it was the intention of the Government to consider the advisability of allowing a day to be set apart for the hospitals in this State, especially the Consumptive Home on North-terrace.

The Loan Estimates contained fairly comprehensive details of the various activities upon which the money would be spent, but it might be advisable to set out some of the details of the anticipated credits upon which the loan programme was based. It had already been announced in the Budget and elsewhere that at the recent Loan Council it was agreed that South Australia's new borrowings for loan works in this financial year would be limited to £5,000,000, allowing for estimated credits of £1,414,723. To this figure should be added £500,000 for War Service Homes, the money for which would be found by the Commonwealth Government, making a total gross loan programme of £7,514,723. Advances for homes (civilians) totalled £950,000. This amount represented the estimated principal repayments from persons who had previously received advances under the Advances for Homes Acts. The item of £111,703, represented the estimated repayments in respect of old advances.

**Architect-in-Chief — Total, £220,000**  
Principal items:—Erection of school-houses, £81,000; hospital buildings, £53,000; new show grounds (loans to Royal Agricultural Society), £25,000; Adelaide University (engineering and physics school), £22,000; police and court-house buildings, £16,000; new Government offices, £10,000; School of Mines (extension of Metallurgical Block), £5,000; land for buildings, £4,000.  
**Commissioner of Public Works—Overway bridge at Mile-End crossing (moiety of cost), £25,000.**  
**Minister of Repatriation—Settlement of discharged soldiers on the land, £750,000**  
**Minister of Agriculture—Loans to producers, £65,000.**  
**Minister of Immigration—Land repurchase for scenic reserves, &c., £7,500.**  
**Public Purposes Loan Bill.**  
In addition to the ordinary Loan Estimates as set out in the papers