

MUNICIPALITIES—continued.

**Norseman**—Electorate, Dundas; Electoral District, proclaimed 1896; Town clerk, J. E. Dixon; annual value of rate, prop. £4,456; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 2d.; council meets 2nd & 4th Monday; pop. 364

**North Fremantle**—Mayor, E. H. Tonkinson, J.P.; town clerk & engineer, W. D. Evans, J.P.; health officer, Dr. Owen Paget, J.P.; councillors, H. H. Bolton, H. Passmore, J.P., S. H. Cookson, W. White, J. Wood, W. Shattery, J. R. Ives, Robt. Bracks & A. G. Pourse; annual value of rate, prop. £19,783; general rate per £, 1s. 6d.; special loan rate, 10d.; health rate, 5d.; tramway rate, 1s.; sanitary rate, 25s. per annum; council meets alternate Thurs.; procl. 1895; pop. 3,800

**North Perth**—Mayor, W. G. Randall; town clerk, Thos. H. Blake; councillors—West ward, P. Menzies, R. Sasso & W. Dennis; Central ward, W. M. Nairn, R. S. Sampson & R. Cooke; East ward, F. F. Wilson, C. W. Ennis & A. H. Wesley; annual rateable value, £36,700; proclaimed 1901; gen. rate, 1s.; health 1½d.; pop. 6,000

**Northam**—Division, East; electorate, Northam. Area, 1,700 acres. Town clerk, R. H. Duence; mayor, H. P. Colobatch, J.P.; annual value rate, prop. £34,000; gen. rate per £, 1s. 4d.; loan rate, 8½d.; health rate, 3½d. with min of 1; sanitary rate, 3d.; population, 2,942; council meets every alternate Thurs

**Perth**—Wards: Central, North, South, East & West. Mayor, T. G. A. Molloy, J.P.; town clerk, W. E. Bold, J.P.; city treasurer,

James Corbett, F.F.A.; city engineer, T. Paterson; health officer, Dr. W. P. Seed; chief health insp. H. W. Petherick; councillors, E. Allen, J.P., A. W. Berryman, D. H. Braidwood, J. C. Foster, J.P., J. T. Franklin, J. George, L. R. Butt, E. W. Hocking, S. Gibson, J. E. Ludger, H. F. McSorley, J.P., J. L. Ochiltree, J.P., F. K. Ren, W. Simpson, J.P., J. Tatham; proclaimed 1871; pop. 35,700 (including suburbs, 65,000); rates, gen. 1s. 6d.; health, 1½d.; loans, 5d.; sanitary, 6d

**Queens Park** (including Cannington, Welshpool & Woodlupino), Cannington. Town clerk, Walter McLaren; mayor, Walter M. Collins; councillors, E. Mason, W. D. Robinson, J. Blake, W. W. Cooke, J. Tennant, R. Coker, E. J. Hopkins, W. H. Milne & J. E. Serisier; annual value rate, prop. £8,000; rate per £, 1s. 6d.; pop. 1,200; council meets fortnightly; proclaimed 1907

**Southern Cross**—Electorate, Yilgarn. Town clerk, G. A. Wilson; annual value rate, prop. £5,536; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 3d.; council meets 1st & 3rd Mondays; procl. 1892; pop. 1,600

**South Perth**—Town clerk, Ray Cargeeg; mayor, Edward Shenton; councillors, W. J. C. Downey, B. D. Bruning, Geo. C. Baker, A. M. Clydesdale, J. M. Paterson, C. O. Brown, J. D. Manning, R. Butler & A. Douglas; auditors, Wm. Burnett & J. H. Thom; annual value rate, prop. £25,500; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 3d.; loan, 4d.; sanitary, 1d.; pop. 1,500

**Subiaco**—Electorate, Subiaco. Town clerk, C. Luth; elect. engr. W. R. Groom; health

inspector, J. Kovan; mayor, James Chesters; councillors, J. A. Maddison, S. McBrown, F. Gray, J. M. Solomon, S. Snow, J. R. Bolt, W. Richardson, J. Dalmaro, W. W. Morrison, H. Gray, J. Duffell, J. C. Irvine & L. T. Boas; annual value rate, prop. £63,000; gen. rate, 1s. 4d.; loan rate, 8½d.; health rate, 2½d.; sanitary rate, 6d.; pop. 9,250; council meets 2nd & 4th Wed.; procl. 1907

**Vasse**, see Bussellton.

**Victoria Park**—Division, Canning; electorate, Canning Mayor, Chas. Harper; town clerk, Walter J. Cohn, C.E.; councillors—East ward, J. F. W. Leach, A. L. Draper & T. E. Hart; Central ward, W. J. Craig, J. J. Murray & F. Austerberry; West ward, A. G. Richardson, E. A. Pyman & W. Carse; annual value of rate, prop. £26,000; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; loan rate, 7½d.; health rate, 2d.; sanitary rate, 5d.; pop. about 1,700; council meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday; area 4,000 acres

**Wagin**—Division, South-West; electorate, Williams. Mayor, J. C. Neuke; town clerk, C. C. Keyser; councillors, J. J. Doig, E. H. Absolon, H. C. Sawlo, F. M. Buttfield, T. McKenna, J. Morris & A. Temby; annual value rate, prop. £8,200; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; loan rate, 3d.; health rate, 3d.; council meets 1st & 3rd Monday in month; procl. 1906; pop. 1,000

**York**—Division, Eastern; electorate, East. Town clerk & engineer, R. L. Millen; annual value rateable prop. £15,500; rate per £, 1s. 6d.; health rate, 2d.; pop. 2,000; council meets 1st & 3rd Tues.; proclaimed 1871

dential area by defining them Proscribed Areas. The same Act defines the basis of "Unimproved" value of method for valuing Mining, Pastoral and other leases. Private Railways and Tramways, Electric Lighting and Gas Mains are rateable under the same Act.

**RATES**.—Boards are authorised to levy a "General" rate on all rateable land within their District of not exceeding 3d. in the £ on the "Unimproved basis" of valuation, or 2/- in the £ when the "Annual" value is adopted in Towns or Proscribed Areas; with the option of adopting a "Minimum" rate of 2/6 on any one allotment, the rates of which on either valuation would not otherwise amount in the aggregate to this sum. It is also provided that the rate for any District should as far as possible be uniform, but that the Board may with the consent of the Minister fix a rate for any Town site or Special Area defined for that purpose at a higher figure, but the amount collected by such excess rate must be expended on works within such Town site or Special Area from which it is raised. The alternate power is also given to Boards to levy a rate or license on any person having a tent, camp or other habitation on any ground or other land of which he is not the owner or occupier, to meet the specific requirements of the Goldfields where Miners and others camp on Leases and other lands.

Boards may be called upon to contribute towards Hospitals, in addition to which they may, at their own option, subsidise Nursing systems.

**BRIDGES**.—Bridges are defined by the "Roads Act, 1911" as being within the meaning of the word "road" for the purpose of general management and maintenance thereof. The larger of the bridges are built by the P.W.D. from funds provided by the State, and upon completion handed over for control and upkeep to the Local Authority, the Road Board or Municipality in whose district they are within, and in the case where the river forms the boundary of two Districts, the bridge built over same may be handed over to the joint control of the two Local Authorities. The Government also provides moneys for smaller bridges, which are entrusted to the Local Authorities for construction, in addition to which the Local Boards have the authority and very often provide funds to build their own bridges when of a minor character.

Boards are authorised to raise loans for construction of roads, footways, bridges, culverts, ferries, wharves and jetties, sewers and drains, machinery for treatment of refuse, also purchase of land and materials and other works which may be approved of by the Governor. The Act also defines the method for raising these loans and provides that a Special Loan Rate shall be collected for the redemption of the loan together with the interest.

The Loan Rate would be separate and additional to "General" rates.

Any loan may be raised on any particular part of a District or on the District as a whole, providing that if a loan is raised for any particular part of a District it can only be expended in such part and the Loan Rate for the redemption of principal would only apply to such part of the District, so that only those directly enjoying the benefits of the loan would have to pay for same.

Boards have nearly all the powers for controlling the smaller towns within their District that are exercised by Municipalities, and may make Special Bye-laws, also building regulations which are applicable to the towns only. In addition to the somewhat extensive powers which Road Boards have under the "Roads Act" they also have specific powers under the following Acts:—

"Cart and Carrings," "Width of Tires," and "Dog Act," also Parks and Reserves, Electric Lighting, Drainage, Noxious Weeds, Cattle Trespass and other Acts.

Some of the Boards have the whole or portion of their District defined under the "Fire Brigade Act" and have to contribute to the Fire Brigade Board in accordance with the Act regulating Fire Brigades.

**WATER SUPPLIES**.—Water supplies, which are generally constructed by the P.W.D., are handed over to the control of the Local Boards, who have the power to make Bye-laws for their good government and charge for water in order to provide the necessary funds for their upkeep &c.

The various Road Districts are subsidised by the Government on the amount of general rates collected by them, and for that purpose are classified and graded according to the particular circumstances of each. In addition to these subsidies Parliament votes special amounts for different roads, which are invariably handed over to the Board in whose District they are situated. The whole of the administration of Road Boards, including the auditing of their accounts and funds voted by Parliament for subsidies, Roads and Bridges and other matters are under the control of the Public Works Department. Minister—Hon. W. D. Johnson; Under Secretary—F. L. Stromeh; Clerk in Charge—A. E. Sanderson; Auditors—H. J. Ash and G. D. Plunlett; Searcher—J. J. O'Neill.

The names of the various Road Boards throughout the State are as follows:—

Roads Boards Assoc. of W. A., 95 St. George's ter. Perth	Belmont Park—J. P. Northey, Brookton
Albany—Charles M. Payne, Albany; 4th Frid	Guilford rd. Belmont; first Broome Hill—M. J. Ryan, Broome & third Friday
Armadale, Kelmessett—J. W. Turner, Armadale; fourth Mon	Boverley—Thos. E. Underdown, Bunbury—W. S. Hales, Bunbury; last Thursday
Arthur West—F. S. Oliver, Durkan; fourth Saturday	Boverley
Ashburton—A. F. Bull, Onslow; second Monday	Black Rango—W. F. S. E. Buchan, Capel—J. Murnane, Capel; last Saturday
Augusta—L. E. DeMole, Karridale	Blackwood Lower—E. J. T. Brockman, Lower Blackwood; no fixed date
Balingup—F. W. F. Lukis, Balingup; last Sat	Blackwood Upper—W. R. Scott, Lauderdale, via Jayes, Upper Blackwood; last Sat
Bayswater—J. C. Hawson, Bayswater; 4th Thursday	Broad Arrow—T. S. Callery, Broad Arrow; first Wednesday

DISTRICT ROAD BOARDS

**ROADS**.—The roads of the State, outside of Municipalities, are under the charge of District Road Boards, who have powers under the "Roads Act" similar to those given to Local Government Bodies in the other States. A good number of roads, however, on Goldfields where water supply is a principal factor, are constructed and maintained by Mines Water Supply Dept. The main stock routes, of which the water supply is principal and ruling factor—passing through centre of State—are constructed and maintained at considerable cost, owing to their great length and remoteness, by the Mines and Public Works Depts.

**CONSTITUTION**.—The constitution of Boards now consists of not less than 5 nor more than 11 members, as the Governor in Council may from time to time declare, and those members are elected by the ratepayers of the District, and the members when elected among themselves choose their own chairman, which must be done at a meeting when at least two-thirds of the Board are present. Each elector has a number of votes proportionate to the rateable land which is owned by him in the District. Districts may be divided into wards by the Governor, who then determines the number of members to represent each ward, in which case only the members having rateable land within such wards can vote for the members thereof.

**VALUATION**.—By the "Roads Act, 1911" the adoption of the "Unimproved basis" for valuation is compulsory for the District as a whole, but Boards are permitted at their own option, by passing a Bye-law, to adopt the basis of the "Annual" value on properties within a declared Town site or similar resi-