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 the needs of loan money during the current financial year, £7,514,723 on public works, the chief item of which is £3,782,200 for the railway department.

Interesting details of the money to be spent on public works in the financial year 1904-5 from the Loan Estimates, which were laid on the table of the Assembly yesterday by the Treasury (Hon. J. Guest). At the recent Loan Estimates, the Treasurer said there was no loan money yet to be spent on public works, but that this was expected to be the case this year. The Treasurer said he expected the money for public works would be £3,782,200 for the railway department.

Details of the Estimates.

The Treasurer said:—Advances for House Rent, £2,345,000; Local Government Department—Constitutional and general, £150,000; Consolidation of existing roads, £140,000; Government to improve roads, £150,000; construction of bridges, £30,000; fireproofing of buildings, £25,000; New South Wales Railways, £75,000; Bendigo Railway, £50,000; construction of schools, £50,000; gas works, £50,000; purchase of land for agricultural purposes, £40,000.

The Treasurer's Explanations.

The Assembly having received the loan estimates, the Committee of the House for the consideration of the Loan Estimates, the Treasurer explained the main features of the estimates. He said a summary of the total loan was £7,514,723, under which various departments were established, including:

1. Advances for houses (civilians) £250,000
2. Roads and bridges, £100,000
3. Irrigation and reclamation, £50,000
4. Harbours and jetties, £150,000
5. Waterworks, £100,000
6. Buildings, £100,000
7. Schools, £50,000
8. Railways, £300,000
9. Fireproofing of buildings, £25,000

Technical Training.
Differences between the President of the Council and the Treasurer on the matter of the proposed loan.

The President of the Council (Hon. J. Guest) was asked on the loan estimates what was the most important item. The Treasurer (Hon. J. Guest) said the most important item was the total loan of £7,514,723.

Appeal for Hospitals.
A special day was set for the purpose of raising money for the establishment of hospitals in the State.

Expenditure: Credit.
Department: £200,000
Housing: £150,000
Advances to Settlers, etc.: £100,000
Irrigation and Reclamation: £50,000
Harbours and Jetties: £250,000
Waterworks: £100,000
Railways: £300,000
Buildings: £200,000
Schools: £50,000
Fireproofing: £25,000
Total: £2,782,200