

# TRANSPORT BOARD

## "INEXPENSIVE"

Two Civil Servants: One University Professor

## "LIMITED CHOICE"

"It will be an inexpensive tribunal," said the Minister for Railways (Mr. Denny) yesterday, commenting upon the appointment by the Government of Professor L. G. Melville, and Messrs. J. Sinecock and W. P. Bishop as members of the Transport Control Board.

Professor Melville is Professor of Economics at the Adelaide University, and is already assisting the Government as a member of the Advisory Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bishop is an inspector in the Audit Office, and investigating officer for the Public Service Commissioner. As a member of the Budget Committee he examines the estimates of every Government Department before the Budget is presented to Parliament.

Mr. Sinecock is Director of the Government Reporting Department, and was secretary of the old Railways Standing Committee. In that position he gained considerable experience of the transport requirements of country areas.

### LIMITED CHOICE

"The Government was restricted in selecting members for the Board," said Mr. Denny, "but we are satisfied that the three men chosen, by reason of their great experience, will be capable of carrying on the important work of the Board."

The Act provides that the Board shall consist of three members "who in the Governor's opinion are capable of assessing the financial and economic effect on the State as a whole of any transport policy," and that persons shall be "ineligible for membership of the Board if they are representatives of the Railways Commissioner or of any business or association engaged in carrying passengers or goods by means other than the railways."



Professor Melville

# TRANSPORT BOARD

Members Appointed

## "CIRCUMSCRIBED CHOICE"

"The provisions of the Act circumscribed the choice of members of the Transport Board, but the Government is satisfied that the three men chosen, by reason of their great experience, will be capable of carrying on the important work of the board," said the Minister of Railways (Mr. Denny) yesterday.

The following were appointed members of the board by the Executive Council yesterday:—

Professor L. G. Melville.

Mr. J. Sinecock.

Mr. W. P. Bishop.

Professor Melville is recognised as an authority on economics and finance, and is already assisting the Government as a member of the State Advisory Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bishop is an inspector in the Audit Office and investigating officer for the Public Service Commissioner. His services have been utilised as a member of the Budget Committee to examine closely the estimates of every Government department before the presentation of the Budget.

Mr. Sinecock is the director of the Government reporting department, and as secretary of the now defunct Railway Standing Committee gained considerable experience of the transport needs of country districts.

Mr. Denny stated that the Government was restricted in the selection of the board. Under their original Bill it was proposed that one of the members should be the Railways Commissioner or his nominee, another representative was to be a person having an interest in the business of carrying passengers or goods by means other than railways, and the third was to be selected by the Governor as an independent person.

When the Bill came before the Legislative Council, however, the constitution of the board was altered, and the Act now provided that the board should consist of three members "who in the Governor's opinion are capable of assessing the financial and economic effect on the State as a whole of any transport policy." It was further provided that persons should be ineligible for membership of the board if they were representatives of the Railways Commissioner or of any business or association engaged in carrying of passengers or goods by means other than railways.

The board would be an inexpensive tribunal, said the Minister, as two of the members were public servants and the third was engaged as professor of economics at the Adelaide University.



Professor L. G. Melville

# TRANSPORT BOARD CHOSEN

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NAMES OF MEMBERS

Prof. Melville, Messrs. Sinecock and Bishop

As forecast in "The News" several days ago the Transport Control Board was constituted in Executive Council this morning as follows:—

PROF. L. G. MELVILLE.

MR. J. SINCOCK.

MR. W. P. BISHOP.

It is expected that Mr. Sinecock will be chairman.

The Hon. W. J. Denny (Attorney-General) stated that the board would be an inexpensive tribunal, as two of the members are public servants and the third is professor of economics at Adelaide University.

It would have power to order a line to be closed, he said. It would have to give notice of its intention to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. The latter would have 28 days in which to say whether it was expedient to keep the line or part of it open.

Mr. Denny added:—"The Government was restricted in its selection because under the original Bill it was proposed that members should be the Railways Commissioner or his nominee, a person having an interest in the business of carrying passengers or goods by means other than railways, and one selected by the Governor as an independent person.

"When the Bill came before the Legislative Council, however, the constitution of the board was altered and the Act now reads that the board shall consist of three members 'who in the Governor's opinion are capable of assessing the financial and economic effect on the State as a whole of any transport policy.'"

"It was further provided that persons should be ineligible for membership of the board if they were representatives of the Railways Commissioner or of any business or association engaged in carrying passengers or goods by means other than railways."

"These provisions circumscribed the choice of members, but the Government is satisfied that the three men chosen by reason of their great experience will be capable of undertaking the important work of the board."



MR. J. SINCOCK

who will probably be chairman of the Transport Control Board, which was appointed in Executive Council today.



PROF. L. G. MELVILLE

who today was appointed a member of the Transport Control Board.