

lost from amongst us the member referred to, we should be wanting in our duty in not saying a few words to show our sympathy with those near and dear to him. I knew the late Mr. Richard Burges for a great many years, as no doubt many others in this House have. I have known him from boyhood, have seen him develop, and have seen him march with the times and progress with the country, until we found he had achieved that success which most men wished him to attain. He was one of the most energetic workers one could find. He has done more perhaps for the development of the country than most men, and it is a pleasure to us to look back at the success which he achieved. I was intimately connected with the late Mr. Burges and his parents for many years, so that the circumstances to which I refer are within my own knowledge. I say that his ancestors were amongst the best pioneers the country ever had, and have done a great deal for it. In Mr. Burges, all will admit, we had a most fearless and conscientious politician. As a man he was energetic and industrious, and neglected no opportunity of forwarding the interests of the country, while not forgetting his own at the same time. In addition to these many qualities which cannot be overlooked, he was a model of a domestic man. I think, in the circumstances, that nothing but the deepest regret can be felt at the loss sustained by the State; and we are all willing and anxious to place on record our regret for that loss, and our sympathy with all those who were connected with the late hon. gentleman.

HON. G. RANDELL (Metropolitan): I have much pleasure in indorsing the remarks that have fallen from previous speakers. Mr. Burges was well known to all. I have known him for a good many years, and I have appreciated his sterling character, and also the value of his knowledge and experience, particularly in regard to certain questions that came before Parliament, the fearless way in which he expressed his opinion, and the conscientious way, I think, in which he discharged every duty as a citizen. He was *par excellence* the kind of settler we want in this State, and his memory is cherished very much by myself. I had a great deal of conversation with him on

many subjects, and we often conferred together on matters connected with the legislation and politics of the State. I regret that we have lost such a man from our midst, one who can ill be spared. I hope that others will take up the mantle that has fallen from him, and be willing to devote themselves to the public service of this State in the same earnest, straightforward, and able manner in which Mr. Burges did. We did not all agree with him in his opinions; I differed from him at times as thoroughly as anyone; but we could heartily appreciate his sincerity and earnestness. I have very much pleasure in adding my little testimony to the high regard with which the late Mr. Burges was held by his fellow colonists.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved—"That the House at its rising do adjourn until 4:30 o'clock on Tuesday, 10th October."

Question passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at 12 minutes to 5, until the next Tuesday.

Legislative Assembly, Tuesday, 3rd October, 1905.

Business resumed from the 29th August, the interval having been occupied with re-elections of Ministers consequent on the change of Government.

THE DEPUTY-SPEAKER took the Chair at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

ADJOURNMENT.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER, finding there was not a quorum present (consequent on members attending the funeral of the late member for York), formally adjourned the House at 3:45 o'clock until the next day.