

that there would be no danger in resorting to poison.

MR. MARMION: The intention, I presume, is to spread poison all over these islands?

MR. STEERE: Yes.

MR. MARMION: I am very sorry to hear it.

The clause was agreed to, and the bill reported.

#### HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITION (MESSAGE No. 13).

##### ADJOURNED DEBATE.

MR. S. H. PARKER moved the following amendment, in lieu of that submitted by Mr. SHENTON (*Vide* p. 165 *ante*): "The Legislative Council having taken His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 13 into consideration, begs respectfully to inform His Excellency that it concurs with His Excellency in thinking it inadvisable to make any alteration in the conditions on which the High School Scholarships were established. With respect, however, to the Exhibition, the Council is of opinion that it would be advisable to throw open this Exhibition for competition to any boy, wherever or however educated in the colony, and to make it tenable at any British or Australian University." The hon. member said that since the report of the debate on this question the other evening had appeared in the newspapers, he had received a communication from the Rev. Mr. Watkins, of Fremantle, which he thought in fairness to that gentleman he ought to read. [The letter, which was read by the hon. member, refuted the idea that in suggesting an alteration in the conditions attaching to these scholarships and the exhibition, Mr. Watkins had in any way been animated by the possibility of the Fremantle Grammar School benefiting thereby. On the contrary, the rev. gentleman pointed out that the throwing open of the scholarships to all the educational establishments of the colony would have placed the Grammar School at a disadvantage rather than otherwise, as the more liberal curriculum of that school would have handicapped the boys attending it, when competing in elementary subjects with boys attending elementary schools; while as to the exhibition, the training provided at the Grammar School

was not intended so much to prepare boys for a University career, as for commercial and other pursuits suitable to the requirements of the colony.]

The amendment submitted by Mr. Parker was agreed to without opposition.

The House adjourned at half-past ten o'clock, p.m.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Monday, 24th August, 1885.*

Death of Sir Harry St. George Ord—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

##### DEATH OF GOVERNOR ORD.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser): Hon. members have been made aware, from a telegram in this evening's paper, of the death of our late Governor, Sir Harry Ord. I am sure that, speaking for myself, I have heard the melancholy news with sincere regret, and I feel much moved by the suddenness of the announcement. I am certain that many hon. members will feel in the same way, and I understand that, such being the feeling of hon. members, there is a general desire that we should not proceed with any business to-night, but that as a token of respect and to mark our feeling on the occasion, we should adjourn. I therefore beg to move the adjournment of the House. Hon. members, I am sure, will remember with what energy the late Sir Harry Ord conducted the Government of this colony. Hon. members are aware that the first section of our Eastern Railway was undertaken and carried out through the energy of Governor Ord; and we owe Sir Harry Ord perhaps a great deal more than many people are aware, considering the

short time he was in the colony. Personally I feel certain that in him we had a Governor who had the interests of the colony completely at heart; and I know that ever since he left the colony he has given proofs of the sincerity of his feelings towards Western Australia by doing all within his power to serve it. He never lost an occasion to do Western Australia a good turn. I need say no more. I beg formally to move that the House do now adjourn.

MR. BROWN: I esteem it I may say a privilege to second the motion made in such feeling and fitting terms by the leader of the Government. Few know more than I do of how much Western Australia is indebted to the administration of Sir Harry Ord. Apart from his administrative qualities and what he did for the colony as its Governor, Sir Harry Ord was, socially, the friend of all who came in contact with him. I myself, sir, have felt a deep concern in the sad and sudden news flashed to us this evening, and, with the Colonial Secretary, I feel that it is due to the memory of the late Sir Harry Ord that this House should not proceed to business, but, as a mark of respect for his memory, adjourn.

The House adjourned at a quarter past seven o'clock, p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Wednesday, 26th August, 1885.*

Continuous Brakes on Eastern Railway—Timber concessions to Mr. M. C. Davies—Vote for Indian and Colonial Exhibition—Eastern Railway Rolling Stock—Land Grant Railway Proposals—Conservation of Pearling Banks—Law and Parliamentary Library Amendment Bill: in committee—Volunteer Foreign Service Bill: adjourned debate, second reading—Freight charges, Northern Railway: referred to select committee—Dog Act Amendment Bill: recommitted—Report of Native Commission (Message No. 20): referred to select committee—Lady Barles's Annuity Bill: second reading—Municipal Councils' Titles Bill: second reading—Supplementary Estimates, 1885: recommitted—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

## CONTINUOUS BRAKES ON EASTERN RAILWAY.

MR. HARPER, in accordance with notice, asked the Engineer-in-Chief whether he is not of opinion that it is desirable that the system of continuous brakes should be adopted on the Eastern Railway, in consequence of the steep gradients on that line?

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright): Yes, sir, I am of that opinion.

## MR. M. C. DAVIES' TIMBER CONCESSIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS (Hon. J. Forrest), at the request of Mr. Steere, laid upon the table a copy of the agreement between the Government and Mr. M. C. Davies with respect to the timber concessions made to the latter in the Sussex District.

## INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

MR. GRANT asked the Colonial Secretary whether a further sum would be required than that which had been already voted, for the purpose of having this colony represented at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition to be held in London next year.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) said that until the Estimates were brought forward he was unable to give the hon. member any answer to his question. It would be seen then whether any additional funds would be available.

## EASTERN RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright), at the request of Mr. Shenton, laid on the table a return showing how the sum of £26,199 4s. 2d. voted for rolling stock for the third section of the Eastern Railway had been expended. The hon. gentleman also promised to furnish a copy of the cost of the construction of the York-Beverley line, under various heads of expenditure.

## LAND-GRANT RAILWAY PROPOSALS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser), without comment, moved, that the papers which have been laid on the table, containing proposals from