Legislative Council, Tuesday, 22nd December, 1891.

General Loan and Inscribed Stock Bill: second reading

—Boyanup Minninup Railway Bill: second reading

—Boyanup Busselton Railway Bill: second reading

—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Sir T. Cockburn-Campbell, Bart.) took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

GENERAL LOAN AND INSCRIBED STOCK BILL.

SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): I beg to move the second reading of this bill, which is required owing to the proposed appointment of an Agent General in London.

Question—put and passed.

BOYANUP-MINNINUP RAILWAY BILL. SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): I now move the second reading of this bill, which is required to enable the Government to construct this necessary railway. This is one of the works provided for in the Loan Schedule, and the bill has been passed by the Legislative Assembly.

Question—put and passed.

BOYANUP-BUSSELTON RAILWAY BILL. SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): In accordance with notice, I now move the second reading of this bill. The object of the measure is to enable the Government to construct another of the lines, for which funds have already been provided by the Loan Act of last year. A description of the line will be found in the schedule, and any further information that may be required I shall be happy to supply to hon. members.

THE HON. J. W. HACKETT: I think it would be desirable that we should have as much information with regard to this bill as is possible. I have not seen any

of the maps or plans, and hence I think it would be inexpedient to proceed further with this measure at the present time. I therefore move the adjournment of the debate until January 5th next.

THE HON. T. BURGES: I beg to second the motion for adjournment, for I think it most desirable that we should have the fullest information on this measure.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): I have not the slightest objection to the adjournment of the debate as suggested, and in the meantime I will see that the maps and plans and all other information procurable is laid on the table.

THE HON. M. GRANT: I should like also to have a statement laid before us showing what the traffic on this line is likely to be. From what I know of the country it is very barren, and at the present moment I fail to see what benefit will accrue to the colony for the construction of this line.

Question — That the debate be adjourned until January 5th, 1892 — put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 3.15 p.m., adjourned until January 5th, 1892, at 3 o'clock.
