

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS said the price was averaged.

MR. LEFROY asked if the cost of survey was included in the one-tenth added to the selling price.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS said it was included.

Amendment put and negatived, and the clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 21, inclusive—agreed to. Schedule—agreed to.

Preamble and title—agreed to.

Bill reported, without amendment.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) moved that the Bill be recommitted.

Agreed to.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 5—Lands may be surrendered in terms of this Act:

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) moved the following amendments:—(1), That the words "Subject to the provisions of this Act" be inserted at the beginning of the clause; (2), that the words "situate within twenty miles of a railway," in line 2, be struck out; and (3) that the words "upon the conditions hereinafter prescribed," in line 3, be struck out.

Amendments put and passed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) moved, as a further amendment, that the following proviso be added to the clause:—"Provided that all such lands be situate within twenty miles of a railway."

Amendment put and passed, and the clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—Land Purchase Board to report:

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) moved, as an amendment, that the words "which shall not exceed twenty miles" be struck out of sub-clause (4).

Agreed to.

Bill again reported, with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., until the following Tuesday.

Legislative Assembly,

Tuesday, 28th July, 1896.

Question: New Supreme Court Buildings—Question: Railway Workshops at Midland Junction—Question: Water Supply for Eastern Goldfields—Motion for Adjournment: Administration of Stock Diseases Act at Fremantle—Constitution Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women) Bill: third reading—Agricultural Lands Purchase Bill: amendment on report—Streets and Roads Closure (Eastern Railway) Bill: in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

QUESTION—NEW SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS.

MR. MOSS, in accordance with notice, asked the Director of Public Works,—
1. Whether the site for the new Supreme Court House had been selected, and, if so, where the same was situate. 2. Whether plans had been prepared for the work, and whether they had been submitted to the Judges, and also to the heads of departments for whom accommodation had to be provided. 3. When tenders would be invited for the erection of the buildings.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. F. H. Piesse) replied:—
1. Yes. Reserve No. 1151, being Perth Town Lots L 15, 15½, and 16, fronting St. George's Terrace and Bazaar Street, occupied at present by the Government Boys' School. 2. Preliminary plans have been prepared and sent to the hon. the Attorney General, requesting that a committee be appointed, to include the Judges and heads of the departments for whom accommodation has to be provided. 3. Cannot at present state the date when tenders will be called.

QUESTION—RAILWAY WORKSHOPS AT MIDLAND JUNCTION.

MR. SOLOMON, in accordance with notice, asked the Commissioner of Railways, Whether it was a fact that the plans for the Midland Junction Railway Workshops, made by Mr. Allison Smith, had been put aside, and that a committee of railway engineers was now engaged in making entirely new plans.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. F. H. Piesse) replied:—The plans made by Mr. Allison Smith were merely general outline plans. They are being, to some extent, departed from, but not very materially. The work which is now being done by the three engineers commissioned to do it is principally the designing in detail of the several workshops, including the arrangement of the machinery, &c., and also the designing of engine running sheds, coal storage bunks, iron racks, and wood seasoning sheds, &c.

QUESTION—WATER SUPPLY FOR EASTERN GOLDFIELDS.

MR. MORAN, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier,—1. Whether, in consideration of the fact that, at present, many thousand million gallons of water were lying in the lakes near the centres of population in the eastern goldfields, the Government would consider the advisability of applying the piping for service in reticulation from the proposed Mount Burges reservoir to be used for the purpose of conveying this water in the meantime to the mining centres adjacent. 2. Whether the Government would consider the advisability of establishing a permanent service from these lakes in conjunction with the proposed Helena Vale service. 3. Whether the Government would be prepared to give liberal concessions to private people or corporations to utilise the water at their own expense. 4. Whether the proposed water scheme would interfere in any way with the alleged intention of the Government to pursue a vigorous policy of procuring water locally on the fields, especially considering the fact that several years must elapse before service can be had from the proposed Helena Vale scheme. 5. Whether the Government would be inclined to consider the advisability of giving encouragement, by way of bonus, to discoverers of good local supplies. 6. Whether the Government would favourably consider applications from private individuals or corporations to construct light tramlines to the lake sides from adjacent mining centres, to enable them to concentrate large quantities of ore to be treated there. 7. Whether there was any antipathy on the part of

the Government to such schemes as the one mentioned in the House as being proposed by Mr. Wilson.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) replied,—1 and 2. The Government is not aware that “many thousands of millions of gallons of water” are lying in the lakes or marshes in question, and, if it does exist there, most of it must be below the surface and difficult of access. The Government does not consider it advisable to convey this temporary and unreliable supply of salt water to the various mining centres. The cost of placing and jointing the pipes on the ground, the injury which they would receive, the delay in obtaining the pipes, and also the pumps which would be necessary, and the expense of working—taken altogether—do not recommend the proposal to the Government. 3. Before replying definitely to this question it will be necessary to know what the “liberal concessions” referred to would comprise. The existing Acts and Regulations are the basis on which applications for water rights are dealt with, and if any further consideration is required, each case must be dealt with on its merits. 4. The proposal to bring water from the Darling Ranges will not interfere with the alleged intention of the Government to provide water locally, so far as it is possible, at anything like a reasonable cost, during the time the Darling Ranges scheme is under construction, and also beyond the points to which that scheme, as at present arranged, proposes to provide for. 5. It would be very difficult to formulate the conditions under which such bonus would be payable. If the conditions were rigid and definite, as they would require to be, it is very doubtful if anything would result from them. The Government would be glad to have the proposals of the hon. member in definite shape for consideration. 6. The Government has no objection to the construction of tramways from mining centres to the lower levels on the marsh sides, under the existing Acts and Regulations. If greater powers are required than are already provided, each case must be dealt with on its merits. 7. The Government has no antipathy to any scheme for the supply of water to the Coolgardie Goldfields, but it must decline to grant any monopoly. As regards the

particular scheme propounded by Mr. S. R. Wilson, the views of the Government have already been definitely stated.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

ADMINISTRATION OF STOCK DISEASES ACT AT FREMANTLE.

MR. SOLOMON said he wished, by leave, to move the adjournment of the House in order to bring under the notice of the Government the manner in which the Stock Diseases Act, in relation to the throwing overboard of dead bullocks in the harbour, was being administered, so far as Fremantle, the main port of the colony, was concerned. Vessels bringing live stock to this colony were arriving at Fremantle in large and increasing numbers, and the municipal authorities were often put to great expense in having to clear away dead bullocks which floated to the shore from ships in the harbour. Correspondence with various parties had taken place, from time to time, with reference to this grievance; but, as a rule, it was practically impossible to trace the ship from which a particular carcase had come. The municipal authorities were put to great expense, and often to serious trouble, in having to remove these dead carcasses; therefore the Town Council hoped that the Government would recoup them for any expense incurred. Bullocks, which were either diseased or had died in the harbour, were thrown overboard—possibly, in some cases, an animal might have jumped overboard—the carcase floated to the shore and became so great a menace to the public health that, unless removed immediately, serious consequences might result to the health of the community. During the last two or three weeks something like four bullocks came ashore; and not only were there the expense and inconvenience of removing them, but there was also a serious danger to the public health. The Town Council were of opinion that the Act for regulating this matter was not properly carried out. He referred to the Act (59 Vic., c. 34, section 12), which required ship masters to make a declaration as to the brands and other particulars of any live stock brought to this colony, and it was the duty of the principal officer of Customs to forward the same to the nearest inspector of stock as expeditiously

as possible. If this requirement were duly complied with, the brands might be traced. A case occurred only on the previous day, when a dead bullock came ashore having some kind of brand. Two vessels were in the harbour, and there was a doubt as to which of these vessels might have brought the bullock to the port. Application was made by the Town Council's inspector to the Collector of Customs, who referred him to the Government Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Edwards. It then appeared that Mr. Edwards had left the papers relating to importation with the particular firm who had imported the cattle; but when the Council's inspector applied to that firm, the answer was that the papers showing the brands had been left on board the ship. The Town Council, he must again say, were put to considerable expense in removing these dead carcasses, and he hoped the Government would give attention to the matter with the view of having the Act properly carried out. He formally moved the adjournment of the House.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) said, in reply, that this matter had been brought under his notice on several occasions, and he had instructed the Harbour Department to prosecute the parties responsible in each case. The law was sufficient to deal with people who threw dead carcasses into the harbour, and ships while in harbour were under that law; but the difficulty was in tracing the ships from which a particular animal had got away or been thrown overboard. He would again call the attention of the police and also the Harbour Master to this matter. He noticed that the other day someone was summoned for a case of this kind; and, no doubt, if a few prosecutions were made and penalties were enforced, this practice would be put a stop to.

Question—that the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Introduced by the Premier, and read a first time.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION (MARRIED WOMEN) BILL.

THIRD READING.

Bill read a third time, and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

**AGRICULTURAL LANDS PURCHASE
BILL.**

AMENDMENT ON REPORT.

The Bill having been reported, with amendments,

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt) moved, in reference to Clause 13, that the words, "payable in advance," be added after the word "money," in line 4.

Amendment put and passed.

Report adopted.

**STREETS AND ROADS CLOSURE
(EASTERN RAILWAY) BILL.**

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 and 2—agreed to.

Schedule:

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon F. H. Piesse) moved, as an amendment, that section 6 of the Schedule be struck out, and the following words be inserted in lieu thereof:—"All that portion of Edward-street, containing 1 rood, 12·3 perches (more or less), starting from the intersection of the southern side of the said Edward-street with Claisebrook-street, thence 3 degrees 41 minutes 82½ links along the western side of Claisebrook-street to the northern boundary of Edward-street, thence along the north-eastern boundary of Edward-street 298 degrees 19¼ minutes 387·5 links, thence by a line 245 degrees 17¼ minutes 95 links to the south-western boundary of Edward-street, thence along that street's south-western boundary 118 degrees 12½ minutes 479 links to the starting point. All bearings being true or thereabouts—the measurements more or less.

Amendment put and passed, and the Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble and title—agreed to.

Bill reported, with an amendment.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 5 o'clock, p.m., until next day.

Legislative Council,

Wednesday, 29th July, 1896.

West Australian Turf Club: petition from—Companies Act Amendment Bill: second reading—Powers of Attorney Bill: first reading—Agricultural Bank Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women's) Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the Chair at 4·30 o'clock p.m.

NEW MEMBERS.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) notified to the House that he had received returns to the writs which he had issued for the election of members for the Metropolitan Province, the Western Province, and the South-Eastern Province, and that it appeared from such returns that the Hon. H. J. Saunders, the Hon. A. B. Kidson, and the Hon. C. A. Piesse had been re-elected for the respective Provinces.

The Hons. H. J. Saunders, A. B. Kidson, and C. A. Piesse were then introduced, and took the oaths prescribed by law.

**WEST AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB—
PETITION FROM.**

THE HON. S. H. PARKER presented a petition from the West Australian Turf Club, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the West Australian Turf Club Act, and for other purposes.

Ordered that the petition be received.

COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

THE HON. F. M. STONE: This Bill, Mr. President, is a very short one, and it proposes to alter Sub-clause 3 of Section 198 of the principal Act. Under this clause a declaration can only be made before a notary public or a British consul, and I propose to add the words "vice-consul, consular agent, commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court of the said colony" after the words "British consul," in the second line. I may say it has been found in London that the clause in the principal Act does not work well, because declarations cannot be taken before Commissioners of the Supreme Court. The amendment I propose alters this. It will also be a considerable con-