

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: The total depreciation has been £9,676. Hon. members must be gratified to think this concern is paying. We are in a very good position financially and the member for East Perth (Mr. Hughes) need not refer to the State Trading Concerns Act. He will find that all profits made are at the disposal of the Treasurer, while of course if we had a loss and had to get money from the Treasury to meet it, we should have to pay interest on it.

Mr. Marshall drew attention to the state of the Committee.

Bells rung; a quorum formed.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: No doubt the paucity of bricks referred to is very serious for the building trade. The State Brickworks is not in a position to deliver more bricks than it is doing. Great credit is due to the manager and to those who have helped him bring it to its present prosperous condition.

Mr. MARSHALL: The Minister for Works never shoulders any responsibility.

The Minister for Works: The Minister for Works shoulders every damned bit of responsibility.

Mr. MARSHALL: I want to complain about the Minister, who shuffles every time the Estimates are brought before us.

The Minister for Works: The Minister is not on the Estimates.

Mr. MARSHALL: And it would be better for the State if he had never been on the floor of the House.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member cannot discuss the Minister.

Mr. MARSHALL: I am entitled to criticise the administration for not having extended the brickworks.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member must speak to some item.

Mr. MARSHALL: Well, Item No. 1, Manager, £550, will do as well as another. The manager is general supervisor and, no doubt, reports to the Minister the necessity for extending the business.

The Minister for Works: He cannot build a kiln unless I give him the money for it.

Mr. MARSHALL: And the Minister can say, "I cannot build a kiln unless the Treasurer gives me the money." The manager is responsible more or less. I am sorry I have lost the opportunity to deal with the point I wish to touch upon. The Minister has told deliberate lies here this evening.

The Minister for Works: That must be withdrawn!

Mr. MARSHALL: I will withdraw it, but "Hansard" will prove that I am right.

The Minister for Works: I object to that.

Mr. MARSHALL: Well, I will pull out the lot.

Mr. Hughes: I should like your ruling, Mr. Chairman, as to whether hon. members are not treating the Chair with contempt in going out again as soon as a quorum has been formed.

The CHAIRMAN: The general rule is that if the Chairman believes a quorum to be within the precincts, it is all right.

The Minister for Works: If you, Sir, do not stop the member for Murchison (Mr. Marshall), I will go and break his bloody neck.

The CHAIRMAN: Order! I am going to ask the Minister to withdraw that word. If there is any more language like that I will leave the Chair, and declare the sitting closed. I will not sit here and be made a laughing stock.

The Minister for Works: I will withdraw and apologise, but I am not going to put up with that sort of stuff from Mr. Marshall. I call upon you to make him withdraw and apologise.

The CHAIRMAN: I did ask the hon. member to withdraw, and he withdrew.

The Minister for Works: And as soon as he sat down he repeated the offensive words.

Mr. MARSHALL: I will withdraw. What are the words?

The CHAIRMAN: I don't know.

Mr. MARSHALL: Nor does the Minister.

Vote put and passed.

Progress reported.

House adjourned at 1.50 a.m. (Friday).

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

OBITUARY—MR. PETER O'LOUGHLEN, M.L.A.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. J. Ewing—South-West) [4.33]: It is with the deepest regret that I ask you, Mr. President, to permit me to move the following motion:—

That this House desires to place on record its sincere sympathy and condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Peter O'Loughlen, member of the Legislative Assembly, and that the President be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the brother of the late member.

I am sure hon. members will realise what a great loss the State has suffered by the death of Mr. O'Loughlen. He was opposed to many of us in politics, but that made no difference to our personal relationships. Every hon. member, whether of his political party or not, held Mr. O'Loughlen in the highest esteem. He endeared himself to all members of the Legislative Assembly, with whom he came more closely in contact, and they will mourn his death keenly. We in the Legislative Council came into close contact with him in the days gone by, and he endeared himself to us also. We regret the loss occasioned by his death. Mr. O'Loughlen was a personal friend of mine for the past 20 years; in fact, ever since I came to the State and long before I entered politics. I feel very keenly the position that has arisen because of his death, and I am sure all members share that feeling. It is recognised by all of us that the end must come sooner or later, and we must submit when Death comes. Nevertheless, the feeling of sorrow is keen. We all trust that time will ameliorate the anguish of his relatives. Great as is our loss in the death of a fellow member of Parliament, how much greater must be the loss where his relatives are concerned?

Hon. J. W. KIRWAN (South) [4.34]: I desire to second the motion. For some 15 years the late Mr. O'Loughlen was a bright and cheerful personality in the lobbies and, irrespective of politics, we shall miss him very much. He was an energetic member of his party, which will sustain a severe loss through his death. He was also a useful member for his constituency, and the forest wealth of this State will lose a good friend and ardent champion. We join in the sincerest sympathy with his party, his constituency, and with his friends and relatives in the great loss they have sustained.

Hon. J. W. HICKEY (Central) [4.35]: I desire to add my expressions of sympathy to those uttered by the Leader of the House and Mr. Kirwan. The death of Mr. O'Loughlen although not altogether unexpected, came as a severe blow to me and to a multitude of his friends. He was recognised in politics and in private life as an upright and generous man, who held the respect of every section of the community. To my mind Peter O'Loughlen might have been termed one of God's good men, and I venture the opinion that we are unanimous in the belief that he sacrificed his life on the altar of public duty. His death will be mourned throughout the whole State. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the deceased member's relatives, and we trust that God in his mercy will help them to bear their great sorrow. As a personal friend of his for over 21 years, I cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing my appreciation of the action of the Government in suggest-

ing that both Houses of Parliament should adjourn for two days in order to give members an opportunity to attend the funeral. Further than that, I am mindful of what the Government have done in making certain other arrangements, concerning which we recognise our deep debt of gratitude.

Hon. J. J. HOLMES (North) [4.37]: It is not often that I am found addressing the House on a motion of this description. I held the late Mr. Peter O'Loughlen in such high esteem that I feel I must say a few words at this juncture. Mr. O'Loughlen was a man prepared to sacrifice his health in the service of the public, and to distribute his limited wealth among those who made claims upon him. He was a man one could not help loving, and, as Mr. Hickey correctly described him, one of God's good men. I claim I knew Mr. Peter O'Loughlen well. I knew him, perhaps, better than most men. He seemed to have one object and one desire in life, which was to help those who required aid. When a man reaches three score and ten and breaks down in health, under political strain or otherwise, we can look upon it as a natural consequence to be expected. When we hear of the death of a young man such as Mr. Peter O'Loughlen as we knew him a few months ago in full vigour and with a desire to do the best for all, then it comes as a great shock indeed to find he is no more. The State has sustained a loss in the death of Mr. O'Loughlen, and we have lost from Parliament a representative of whom we were all proud. I mourn his loss.

Hon. T. MOORE (Central) [4.40]: I join with those who have already spoken in support of the motion. As one who was his close and constant companion for many years I shall naturally miss Mr. O'Loughlen very much. I claim that, while some of those who are here to-day knew him for many years, and are aware of good things he did, they would be surprised if they really knew of the number of his kindly actions. As a matter of fact, Peter O'Loughlen's life was one of long self-sacrifice, and of devotion to a cause to which he had pinned his whole faith. His object was to build up in this world of ours something better than we have to-day. His desire during the whole time I knew him was to make the world better and happier, as we believe it is possible to make it. He did many things to help the poor and needy. No one came to him who did not get assistance, even though it meant much self-sacrifice on his part. No one went from him wanting. His death is certainly a great loss to Parliament, to the State, and to the people generally. I join in extending my sympathy to his friends, and particularly to his relatives in this time of trouble. The name of Peter O'Loughlen will go down to history honoured by all as that of a man who did much to build up the State.

Hon. E. ROSE (South-West) [4.42]: In common with previous speakers I, too, came into close contact with the late Mr. Peter O'Loghlen, and I extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his relatives, and to his friends in the Forrest electorate. As the Parliamentary representative of that constituency he worked hard, and no one was more active in the interests of his constituents and for the good of the State than the late Mr. O'Loghlen. He was a man the State could ill afford to lose. He was in his prime, fighting for the good of Western Australia. He had a big heart, and took a broad view of everything relating to Western Australia. I join with other members in extending sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends.

The PRESIDENT [4.43]: It is difficult to say anything that will not be repetition in support of the generous remarks already made concerning the late Mr. Peter O'Loghlen. Death always brings sorrow, and it is particularly grievous when we remember that we are mourning the death of a fellow member who was amongst us for so many years. It is a great pleasure to reflect that Mr. O'Loghlen had the respect of everyone who knew him. Although he and I did not see eye to eye on political matters, he was one of those who recognised that there must be differences of opinion, because if it were not so there would be no need for Parliament. He was always generous to his adversaries although he always fought well for his principles. He had a charm of manner that endeared him to all, and anyone who knew him, no matter what his political opinions might be, could not help liking him. He will be universally regretted and I can only add *requiescat in pace*.

Question put and passed, members standing.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. J. Ewing—South-West) [4.46]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday, 15th November.

In order that members may attend the funeral at Minnievale, arrangements have been made for a train to leave Perth at 7.10 a.m. to-morrow and return to the city in the evening.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

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The DEPUTY SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

OBITUARY—MR. PETER O'LOGHLEN, M.L.A.

The PREMIER (Hon. Sir James Mitchell—Northam) [4.32]: Since the House adjourned on Thursday last, the sad news of the death of Mr. Peter O'Loghlen, the member for Forrest, has come to hand. Mr. O'Loghlen was a member of this House for many years, and was in every way a worthy representative of the people and a capable and generous opponent. He was always, as the House knows, ready to take his part in debate, and always interesting and informative on the subjects he dealt with. Then he set a good example to other members by his respect for the traditions of the House. As a man he was a good friend indeed, a pleasant companion, thinking well and speaking well of all people. He was broad-minded and big-hearted, a man of lovable disposition. We all had for him the greatest admiration and respect. We shall miss him very much and I am afraid it will be a long time before we see him like again. I move—

That this House places on record its deep regret at the death of Mr. Peter O'Loghlen, M.L.A., and tenders to his relatives its sincerest sympathy in the loss they have sustained; and desires that the terms of this resolution be communicated to the relatives of the late gentleman by Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. P. COLLIER (Boulder) [4.35]: I second the motion, perhaps with a degree of feeling to which I am unable to give expression. Our late friend—I think I can say that Mr. O'Loghlen was an intimate personal friend of every man with whom he sat during the 15 years he was a member of this House. He was not only liked but loved by all those who had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance. His influence was very great amongst those who knew him best in the House, and, in fact, amongst the wide circle of his friends, which extended throughout the length and breadth of the State. To me, intimately acquainted with him during all the 15 years he was in the House, an association that was personal, I might say almost that of a brother, the loss of Mr. O'Loghlen will be very great indeed. I re-echo the whole of the sentiments expressed by the Premier, and I believe I voice the opinion of every member when I say that no man who has