

Legislative Council,*Tuesday, 5th November, 1901.*

Adjournment: The No-confidence Debate.

THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

ADJOURNMENT—THE NO-CONFIDENCE DEBATE.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. C. Sommers): In view of the motion of no-confidence in the Government, we shall, I think, be acting in accordance with precedent if we adjourn. I therefore move that the House at its rising do adjourn until Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

The House accordingly adjourned at 4:35 o'clock, until the next Thursday.

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Papers presented—Question: G. W. Davies, if employed since Suspension—Leave of Absence—Motion: No Confidence in the Government; debate resumed (second day), adjourned—Adjournment.

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PRAYERS.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the COLONIAL TREASURER: Report on Lunatic Asylums by Principal Medical Officer.

By the PREMIER: Return showing Goods Indented through Agent General (to order, 16th October).

QUESTION—G. W. DAVIES, IF EMPLOYED SINCE SUSPENSION.

MR. W. J. GEORGE asked the Commissioner of Railways: 1, Whether

George Williams Davies had been engaged in work for and connected with the Railway Department since his suspension? 2, Whether any remuneration had been paid to him? If so, what was the amount of same? 3, If not, why not?

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS replied: 1, No. 2, No. 3, Mr. G. W. Davies only applied on the 4th inst. for payment, and Cabinet proposed to pay him his salary from the date of appointment to the date when his services were dispensed with.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion by MR. McDONALD, farther leave of absence for one fortnight was granted to the member for South Fremantle (Mr. Diamond), on the ground of illness.

MOTION—NO CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.**DEBATE, SECOND DAY.**

Resumed from previous Thursday, on the motion by Hon. F. H. Piesse, "That the Government does not command the confidence of this House."

THE PREMIER (Hon. G. Leake): Some little surprise has been expressed that I thought it necessary to move the adjournment of the debate on Thursday last; and I therefore desire to state to the House my reasons for considering that course necessary. I might, of course, have followed the member for the Williams (Hon. F. H. Piesse), and replied at once to his attack on the Government; but, as I anticipated before he commenced, reference was made at some length to the suspension of the General Manager of Railways. The report of the board of inquiry had been laid on the table of the House only a few hours before the attack was made; and it struck me that, without perusing the evidence attached to the report, it would be impossible for hon. members altogether to appreciate the value of the report itself. I desired, therefore, that the report and evidence should be printed and in the hands of all hon. members before the debate was proceeded with. [MR. HOPKINS: Hear, hear.] I shall justify this course by referring to one or two portions of the report and evidence.