

Mr. Mann: They would not accept these positions under such conditions.

Mr. ANGELO: I think they would.

Mr. Mann: But you have difficulty now in getting them to go out.

Mr. ANGELO: Not to some districts. Some doctors have been so reasonable in their fees and charges that there has not been a single comment or complaint, but others have come along and bought the practice and have charged double the previous fees. There is no appeal; the pioneer has to put up with it. I hope the Minister will insist on the adoption of a scale of charges and fees.

Mr. Mann: But they will not accept the positions.

Mr. ANGELO: I think they will. We should provide in the terms of the appointment that the scale of fees be adhered to.

Mr. Mann: You will not get first-class men under those conditions.

Mr. ANGELO: We have had first-class men whose fees have been reasonable.

Mr. Mann: But they were not appointed under your suggested conditions, that they be bound down to certain conditions and travelling expenses.

Mr. ANGELO: The fees charged should be reasonable. If some medical men can make a good living by charging reasonable fees, why should others be allowed to come in and charge 100 per cent. more? Yet such cases are happening to-day. Metropolitan members, with numbers of doctors to choose from, do not realise the unfortunate position in which the men and women in the back country are placed. In some of these cases I have known of 10s. a mile being charged for travelling expenses, although the doctor could hire a motor car to take him to the patient and bring him back for 2s. 6d. a mile. I know of one case where a patient was charged £140 for travelling expenses, although the distance did not exceed 90 miles. I have fortunately been able to get this charge reduced to £80, but this was only done as an act of grace on the part of the doctor. I hope the Minister will see that some arrangements are made to remedy this difficulty and see that doctors are subsidised under such conditions that the fees they charge are fair and reasonable.

Mr. Mann: Did the £140 include the doctor's fee?

Mr. ANGELO: No, that was an additional amount. I ask the Minister to give earnest consideration to this important matter.

Mrs. COWAN: When the department is dismissing nurses, I hope due regard will be had to the service of those who were engaged with the military forces. I understand there were two nurses whose services were dispensed with a little while ago and that one of these was a military nurse. These nurses rank as soldiers and should have preference of employment.

Vote put and passed.

Progress reported.

House adjourned at 11.24 p.m.

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

### QUESTION—WOOROLOO SANATORIUM.

Hon. E. H. HARRIS asked the Minister for Education: 1, Have regulations or instructions been issued that in future any persons being admitted to the Wooroloo Sanatorium shall, irrespective of their state of health, report at the office of the Health Department, Perth? 2, If so, what provision has been made to prevent persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly those in indigent circumstances becoming a menace to the health of the community? 3, Why the necessity for intending inmates to the sanatorium having to report first to the Health Department, Perth, instead of proceeding direct to the institution, thereby avoiding delay and minimising the danger to the public?

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION replied: 1, All persons desiring admission to the Wooroloo Sanatorium from the metropolitan area have first to make the necessary business arrangements at the Public Health Department, or, alternatively, friends or relations may make such arrangements on behalf of intending patients. 2, Attendance of patients at the departmental office adds nothing to the danger to the community. 3, Such attendance is necessary in order that business and transport arrangements may be concluded.

### QUESTION—ENDOWMENT LANDS.

Hon. A. SANDERSON asked the Minister for Education: 1, What is the area of Crown lands reserved for endowment? 2, What is the estimated capital value? 3, What income is derived from the property, and who control the reserves? 4, Is a report on the matter available for members?

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION replied: 1, 9,740 acres 3 roods 17 poles. 2, It is impossible to give the estimated capital value of the lands at such short notice. 3, (a) Total income derived from properties is £150 14s. 10d.; interest from Treasury £64; interest from Savings Bank, £8 10s. 6d.; estimated total income for this year, £223 5s. 4d. (b) Educational Endowment Trustees. 4, A copy of the Annual Report of the Education Endowment Trustees was forwarded to the

Under Treasurer on the 11th August last for submission to both Houses of Parliament after the statement of receipts and expenditure, etc., had been certified by the Auditor General. The report will be found on pages 47, 48, and 49 of file No. 1346/18 herewith.

# **BILL—PERTH HEBREW CONGREGATION LANDS.**

Read a third time and transmitted to the Assembly.

# **BILL—LAND TAX AND INCOME TAX.**

Assembly's modification.

A Message having been received from the Assembly notifying that it had agreed to the Council's amendment with a modification, the Message was now considered.

In Committee.

Hon. J. Ewing in the Chair, the Minister for Education in charge of the Bill.

Council's amendment: Clause 5.—Add the following proviso: "Provided that in any assessment made under this clause a deduction shall be allowed for interest or other expenditure incurred by the person in the production of the income derived from dividends."

Assembly's modification: • Strike out the words "or other expenditure," in the third line of the proviso.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: The House might safely accept the modification. I have discussed the matter with the Solicitor General. He takes the view that the amendment itself is unnecessary and that the words reinstated in the Act, "subject to all deductions allowed by law," would have covered the matter. I have raised the question with him, but he said he could not imagine any other deduction which would be excluded. He, therefore, thought the modification might well be accepted. I move—

That the Assembly's modification be agreed to.

Hon. J. J. HOLMES: I have looked into the matter, and am satisfied that no exception can be taken to the modification made by the Assembly.

Question put and passed, the Assembly's modification agreed to.

Resolution reported.

Standing Orders Suspension.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. H. P. Colebatch—East) [4.37]: When the Bill was under discussion previously I intimated to hon. members that I was prepared to give them every facility to discuss it later, but that it was desirable that it should be got through as quickly as possible for departmental reasons. I also said that I might

have to ask the House, when the matter was finalised, to suspend the Standing Orders so that the Bill might be completed straight away. I, therefore, propose to move in that direction now. If there is any objection on the part of members, I shall not press it. As we are not sitting next week, it will be convenient to the department if the Bill can be finalised. I therefore move—

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages at this sitting. Question put.

The PRESIDENT: The necessary absolute majority of members is present. As there is no negative voice I declare the motion carried by an absolute majority of the House.

Committee resumed.

Hon. J. Ewing in the Chair; the Minister for Education in charge of the Bill.

Title—agreed to.

Bill reported without further amendment and the report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed, and a Message accordingly returned to the Assembly.

# **BILL—PERMANENT RESERVE (POINT WALTER).**

In Committee.

Hon. J. Ewing in the Chair; the Minister for Education in charge of the Bill.

Clause 1—agreed to.

Clause 2—Authority to lease:

Hon. E. H. HARRIS: I move an amendment—

That in line 2, after the word "lease," the words "by public tender" be inserted. As the custodians of the public parks and reserves we should see that, before conferring any such powers upon a local authority as are indicated by the Bill, the commercial public who may desire to establish a business on one of these parks and reserves should have an opportunity of tendering. The Leader of the House intimated that the board would reap a certain amount of revenue through the granting of this lease. The general public and firms generally who may desire to have the opportunity of leasing the site should be afforded the opportunity equally with anybody the road board may have in mind.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: The amendment will simply occasion delay which is just what it is desired to avoid, because the summer season is almost upon us. I understand that the board have already made arrangements, subject to the passing of this measure, with a suitable person who is prepared to put up the buildings straight away. The carrying of the amendment will mean that

the board will have to wait until the Bill is passed, advertise for tenders and so on, and after all this is done the position will be exactly the same as now, because the board are not compelled to accept the highest, or lowest, or any tender. The board would give the lease to the person who might be considered to be the most suitable. That is an aspect that should be considered, more than a few extra pounds in the matter of price. When a public body exercises authority over a reserve, and the leasing of a portion of the reserve is contemplated, it is the function of that body to see that a proper person is given the lease so that the interests of the public will be conserved. It would be wrong to interfere with that necessary discrimination on the part of the board in a matter of this description.

Hon. J. DUFFELL: I can substantiate the remarks of the Leader of the House because I have made inquiries since this matter was last under discussion by members. I find that arrangements have been made by the board and the agent for a certain line of soft drinks is prepared to put up the building. The road board should be given the opportunity to deal with this matter in the interests of the public, and the amendment will simply mean so much delay.

Hon. Sir EDWARD WITTENOOM: The discussion last night regarding the necessity for safeguarding the foreshores along the river emphasised the importance of this matter. We should not permit any person to take advantage of the foreshore. No person, whether selling soft or hard drinks, should be permitted to manipulate the foreshore to the disadvantage of other people.

Hon. F. A. BAGLIN: I cannot support the amendment. I oppose it, not so much for the reason suggested by the Leader of the House, but I see an additional danger which would defeat the object Mr. Harris has in view. There are two refreshment rooms at Point Walter and if public tenders are called there is nothing to prevent the two persons controlling those refreshment rooms putting their heads together and lodging a "dummy" tender. I do not think the ground rent for the lease would be more than about 10s. a week, and it would pay those two individuals to finance someone to take over the lease and keep it unused. If we give the right to use land at Point Walter for refreshment rooms or other such purposes, we should see that as many people as possible use the area in the interests of the public.

Hon. J. E. DODD: The granting of a right such as is contemplated in the Bill, without calling for tenders, does not seem to me to be altogether correct. I know Point Walter and I consider that safeguards along the lines suggested by Mr. Harris should be provided. In all matters where the public are interested, and especially when the Government are concerned, some method such as calling for tenders, should be adopted before leases are granted.

Amendment put and negatived.

Hon. F. A. BAGLIN: I move an amendment—

That the following proviso be added to the clause:—"Provided that this power to lease shall not extend to any portion of the reserve within 100 yards of the foreshore."

I explained my attitude regarding this measure to members last night. Mr. Panton and I have seen the pegs, which are already in the ground in anticipation of the building of these premises. They are situated right on the point where the people leave the jetty. If the building is erected on that site, people will have to walk off the present pathway or else go through the building. It is wrong that such a building should be erected on the foreshore. We should protect the people's rights and the foreshore should be reserved for the use of the people alone. It will not impose a hardship on people if we provide that the building shall not be within 100 yards of the foreshore. Some shade trees were planted on the site some seven or eight years ago, and if the building is proceeded with, those trees will have to be cut down.

Hon. A. H. Panton: It is one of the best spots there.

Hon. F. A. BAGLIN: That is so. The road board want to lease that portion of the reserve because they know that they will get a better price for that site than for one elsewhere.

Hon. A. Lovekin: I do not think 100 yards is really far enough back.

Hon. F. A. BAGLIN: The building may have to be erected more than 100 yards away owing to the contour of the ground. I think we will be safe in fixing the distance at 100 yards.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: I am not very familiar with Point Walter. I have been there on several occasions, but not to look into a matter of this nature. I have discussed this matter with the departmental official concerned and I agree with Mr. Baglin that this position should be safeguarded. The departmental officer suggested that the limit should be placed at not less than 50 yards. It should be remembered that such a lease cannot be granted except with the consent of the Governor-in-Council and before that consent was given, the site would be inspected to see that the public interests were conserved. If the amendment be agreed to, it may be difficult to select a suitable site. I suggest that Mr. Baglin should agree to make the limit 50 yards, and on top of that, the Government will see that the site selected is properly chosen in the interests of the public.

Hon. A. LOVEKIN: I am not familiar with the contour of the land, but from what I know of Point Walter, I hardly think a limit of 100 yards would be sufficient. The foreshore should be kept as clear as possible and as wide as possible.

Hon. Sir EDWARD WITTENOOM: I know Point Walter very well. Sir John For-

rest and others, including myself, bought the land for £300 and converted it into a reserve. Mr. Baglin is right in his contention and no such building should be erected within 100 yards of the foreshore. I do not think any lessee of land at Point Walter should be placed in such a position as to have greater control over the river frontage than anyone else.

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

Title—agreed to.

Bill reported with an amendment.

### ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. H. P. Colebatch—East) [5.1]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 8th November.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 5.2 p.m.*

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

### QUESTION—WAR SERVICE HOMES STAFF.

Mr. MULLANY (for Mr. Teesdale) asked the Premier: 1, Are the Government aware that there are 53 returned soldiers under notice of dismissal from the War Service Homes staff on the 2nd November, thus adding to the already over-supplied labour market? 2, In view of the proposed transfer of the functions of the above board to the State Workers' Homes Board, will he, whilst in Melbourne, do all in his power to facilitate the continuation of part of the 114 homes now applied for, thus providing the

continuous service of the employees pending the transfer? 3, Will he give an assurance that preference to returned men will still be observed if the suggested transfer is finalised?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS (for the Premier) replied: 1, It is understood that a number have received notice. 2, Every facility and co-operation will be given by the State in having the work continued. 3, Yes. Preference to returned soldiers is the policy of the Government.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion by Mr. Mullany, leave of absence for two weeks granted to Mr. Durack (Kimberley) on the ground of urgent private business.

### BILL—BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT AMENDMENT.

Council's Amendments.

Schedule of five amendments made by the Legislative Council now considered.

In Committee.

Mr. Stubbs in the Chair; the Colonial Secretary in charge of the Bill.

No. 1—Clause 2, Subclause 3, after the word "all," in line 2, insert the words "estates and interests in":

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: This amendment merely defines more clearly the meaning of "property." 1 move—

That the Council's amendment be agreed to.

Question put and passed; the Council's amendment agreed to.

No. 2—Clause 2, Subclause 3, after the word "any," in line 9, insert the word "transfer":

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: This is a desirable amendment because "conveyance" has a different meaning here from "transfer," whereas in England "conveyance" means the same thing as "transfer" means in Australia. I move—

That the Council's amendment be agreed to.

Question put and passed; the Council's amendment agreed to.

No. 3—Clause 2, Subclause 3, in line 22 strike out the words "such fees as may be prescribed by the Governor," and insert the words "such fees (if any) as may be prescribed by the Governor, but not to exceed such fees as for the time being are payable on transmissions under the Transfer of Land Act":

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: I do not know that this amendment is really necessary, but it clearly protects building societies. The clause as framed in this Chamber provided