

being considered in a Committee of the whole House, and, though there were several features of the measure which he considered objectionable and improper, he would refrain from further allusion to them until the Bill came to be considered in Committee.

Mr. LOGUE expressed his regret that no compulsory clause had been introduced into the Bill, and very strongly recommended the adoption of some such regulation in the colony.

Mr. MARMION defended the Bill, and the principle which had guided the Government in framing it. He characterized it as a just and equitable measure, and one calculated to afford a fair prospect of permanent tranquillity. It recognised the rights of a section of the community which had hitherto, from sectarian scruples, been debarred from partaking of the benefits of schools provided and supported by Government. The grand feature of the Bill before the House was "Equality to all, favor to none," and it was mere selfishness to argue that, because the Roman Catholics were in a position to at once avail themselves of the benefits to be derived from the Bill, and other denominations were not, it was therefore objectionable. He trusted that if the Bill was referred to a select committee, the members of that committee would be so nominated as to represent the various religious views of the community.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) briefly replied to the several objections raised by the opponents of the measure.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Select Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be referred to a select committee of seven, and that such committee consist of Mr. Steere, Mr. Marmion, Mr. Monger, Mr. Newman, Mr. Bussell, Mr. Logue, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

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### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Wednesday, 19th July, 1871.*

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Land Regulations: personal explanation—Paper Tabled—Breadstuffs and Cereals Petition—Third Readings.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.  
PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

### LAND REGULATIONS.

#### Personal Explanation.

Mr. STEERE said that when he rejected the proposition made by the Hon. the Surveyor General, on the previous day, relative to the memorandum on the land regulations, he understood from the tone of the hon. gentleman's remarks that, in adopting the memorandum as the basis of their report, the select committee appointed to consider what alterations were necessary in the existing Land Regulations, would be compelled to support the principles of that memorandum. It was for this sole reason that he had resisted the motion of the hon. gentleman, and from no desire that the committee should overlook or ignore the suggestions contained in the memorandum. On the contrary, it was his intention that the committee for which he moved should carefully consider the Surveyor General's outline of proposed new Land Regulations. He trusted that this explanation would be satisfactory, and that the result of the division on the hon. gentleman's amendment would not preclude him from consistently cooperating with the committee.

Mr. STEERE, with leave, without notice, then moved that it be an instruction to the select committee on the Land Regulations to take into consideration the memorandum, now before the House, of the Surveyor General, on the subject of the Land Regulations, with a view to making it a basis for discussion.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) expressed himself satisfied with the explanation of the hon. member for Wellington, and trusted that the result of the committee's deliberations would be the introduction of such Land Regulations as would tend to the best interests and prosperity of the colony.

Question put and passed.

#### PAPER TABLED.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid upon the Table of the House correspondence from the Resident Magistrate at Roebourne relative to the Aboriginal Natives Pearl Shell Fishery Act.

### BREADSTUFFS AND CEREALS PETITION.

Mr. DRUMMOND presented a petition from the settlers of York, Toodyay, and Victoria Plains districts, praying for the imposition of a duty on all imported breadstuffs and cereals. He said he would refrain from

any remarks until the question of the revision of the tariff came under the consideration of the House.

The petition was received and ordered to be read.

### THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed, on motions by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. F. P. Barlee): Dangerous Goods Bill, Exportation of Arms and Munitions of War Bill, Maintenance of Bastard Children Bill, Powers to Grant Commissions given to Chief Justice Bill, and Naturalization of Aliens Bill.

The Council adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

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### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Friday, 21st July, 1871.*

Library: select committee report—Municipal By-laws—Rockingham Timber Company Petition—Paper Tabled—Aboriginal Natives: select committee—28th Victoria No. 2—Convict Department—Representation of the People Bill—Paid Magistrate for Williams and Adjoining Districts—English and Colonial Mails—Licensing of Public Houses Bill: in committee—Distillation Bill: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

### LIBRARY.

#### Select Committee Report.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) brought up the report of the committee appointed to consider the desirability of forming a Library in connection with the Legislative Council. The committee recommended that an humble address be presented to His Excellency requesting that the sum of £50 be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a Library, and that applications be made for copies of all parliamentary reports and papers published by the Legislatures of all the Australian colonies, to be placed in the proposed Library. He moved that the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

### MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS.

Mr. GULL laid upon the Table of the House the by-laws of the Municipality of Guildford.

### ROCKINGHAM TIMBER COMPANY PETITION.

Mr. NEWMAN again presented a petition from the Rockingham Timber Company, represented by William Wanliiss, praying for immunity from import duties on its machinery.

The petition was received and ordered to be read.

### PAPER TABLED.

Mr. NEWMAN laid upon the Table of the House a letter from Mr. G. S. Compton, attorney for Charles H. Compton & Co. of Calcutta, relative to a line of steamers between the Port of Calcutta and Western Australia, provided a bonus was granted to that company by the Government, or it was given immunity from all harbor dues and charges for a period of 12 months from the date of the arrival in the colony of the first steamer.

The letter was ordered to be read.

### ABORIGINAL NATIVES.

#### Select Committee.

Mr. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, moved that a select committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the memorandum relative to the natives presented to the council last session; and that such committee have power to call for papers, persons, and reports; such committee to consist of the Hon. the Attorney General and Mr. Drummond, Mr. Brown, Mr. Marmion, Mr. Monger, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

### 28th VICTORIA No. 2.

Mr. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, asked the Attorney General whether it was the intention of the Government to make any provision to enable persons leaving the colony to give evidence under the provisions of 28th Victoria No. 2.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. R. J. Walcott) replied that he had no instructions to make any provision but that it was competent for any hon. member to bring in a Bill to amend that Ordinance.

### CONVICT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. NEWMAN, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary whether any despatches or communications had been received from the Home Government relative to the transfer of the Convict Department.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) replied that no despatches or communications had been received.