

The above items were adopted *nem. con.*

Question—that an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per cent. be imposed on all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the colony, and not otherwise charged with a specific duty, or not included in the free list—was agreed to.

Second schedule—goods free of duty.

Question—that the following articles be removed from the second schedule and made subject to an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per cent.:—anchors, anvils, blacksmith's bellows, carriage, dray, and wagon springs, mountings, trimmings, iron fittings, felloes, spoke naves for wheels, shafts, cheese presses, copper and composition rod, bolts, sheathing, nails, crab-winch, cranes, capstans, windlasses, felt for sheathing, footrot specific, lime juice, machinery for hay and wool pressing, marble slabs inscribed for monuments, rope above three inches, sail cloth, scab specific, Allen's sheep dipping specific, ships' blocks, flags, chandlery not otherwise described, tarpaulins, telescopes and theodolites, watch movements, and wire ropes for ships—agreed to.

Bills reported, with amendments.

The Council adjourned at 9.15 p.m.

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### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 27th August, 1872.

Free Entries P. & O. Company—Appropriation Bill: first reading—Vacancies in Public Offices—Resident Magistrate, Murray and Williams: in committee—Reward for Payable Gold-field: in committee—Municipal Council Geraldton Bill: first reading—Immigration: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.  
PRAYERS.

#### FREE ENTRIES P. & O. COMPANY.

Mr. HASSELL, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a list of the free entries passed by the P. & O. Company at the Port of Albany since the 11th January, 1871.

Paper tabled.

#### APPROPRIATION BILL.

First Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate the sum of £104,062 4s. 10d. out of the general revenue of the colony for the service of the year 1873.

The Bill was read a first time.

#### VACANCIES IN PUBLIC OFFICES.

Mr. STEERE moved, that, having in view the proposed appointment, at the commencement of next session, of a committee to inquire into the expediency of reducing the public expenditure, the Council is of opinion that in the event of any vacancy occurring in any public office in the colony, the Government should make arrangements, either by amalgamation of offices, or by reduction of salary, to effect a saving in the public expenditure.

Mr. SHENTON seconded the motion.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), as an amendment, moved the insertion of the words "so far as may be practicable," after the word "arrangements."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

#### RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, MURRAY AND WILLIAMS.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to instruct the resident magistrate of the Murray district to hold a Court of Petty Sessions at least once a month at the Williams and assuring His Excellency that the Council is willing to vote an increase of salary of £50 per annum, which, together with his present pay and allowances, the Council is of opinion is amply sufficient remuneration of the work to be performed by the above-mentioned official.

In Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said His Excellency could not entertain such a memorial, it being a distinct interference with his prerogative.

After an animated discussion,

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House assented to the sum of £50 being expended in securing the services of a justice of the peace to perform the magisterial duties appertaining to the Williams.

#### REWARD FOR PAYABLE GOLD-FIELD.

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, moved that the Government be empowered to offer a reward to any person or persons who will discover a workable gold-field within a radius of 300 miles from any declared port in the colony, the amount of reward to be in proportion to the number of ounces of gold exported, being the produce of such gold-field;

the highest reward to be £30,000 when 30,000 ounces of gold has been exported within one year from the date at which any person registers his claim as discoverer of a gold-field; the lowest reward to be £5,000 when 5,000 ounces have been exported within such time and on such conditions.

**In Committee.**

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), as an amendment, moved, that His Excellency the Governor be empowered to offer a reward of £5,000 to any person or persons who may discover a workable gold-field within a radius of 300 miles from any declared port in the colony; such reward to be paid to the actual discoverer or discoverers, provided that an export of 10,000 ounces of gold be made from such gold-field within a period of two years from the date of the registration in the office of the Colonial Secretary of such discovery.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL GERALDTON  
BILL.**

**First Reading.**

Mr LOGUE, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Geraldton to compel the owners or occupiers of sand hills within the municipality to plant the same with grass or shrubs.

The Bill was read a first time.

**IMMIGRATION.**

**In Committee.**

Resumed debate.

The Committee further considered the immigration scheme submitted by the Government, and agreed to the resolutions with the following amendments:—

In resolution 6, the word "one-fourth" inserted and "one-third" struck out.

In resolution 8, in the third and fourth lines, the word "sixth" struck out and "eighth" inserted.

In resolution 9, the words "more than six" struck out and the following words inserted "a number that shall be in excess of six adults."

Also the addition of the following resolution moved by Mr. SHENTON:—

10. That encouragement be given to any person who may prepare and publish for distribution in England a pamphlet

showing the advantages held out to immigrants in this colony, and the enducements in the way of assisted passages or grants of land. That authority be granted to the Government to purchase 10,000 copies of such pamphlets for distribution in England, at a cost not exceeding 2d. for each copy.

The Council adjourned at 2 p.m.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,**

*Wednesday, 28th August, 1872.*

Votes and Proceedings—Harbor Improvements: select committee report—Jetty and Breakwater at Owen's Anchorage: in committee—Drainage of Low Lands, Perth, Bill: first reading—License of Hawkers, City of Perth, Bill: first reading—Grand Juries Bill: motion for second reading—Appropriation Bill: second reading: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.**

It was resolved that for the future the Votes and Proceedings should contain a record of the proceedings of the Committee of the whole Council, in addition to the proceedings of the House.

**HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.**

**Select Committee Report.**

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) brought up the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the various plans submitted to the Legislative Council for the improvement of the Harbor of Fremantle, and moved that the report be read.

Question put and passed.

**JETTY AND BREAKWATER AT OWEN'S  
ANCHORAGE.**

Mr. DRUMMOND, in accordance with notice, moved that the offer made to erect a jetty and breakwater at Owen's Anchorage be specially considered in a Committee of the whole House.

**In Committee.**

Mr. DRUMMOND said that he wished the Committee to consider the proposal made by Mr. Anderson on behalf of Mr. Harvey of South Australia, but that he had no wish to