

In Committee.

Clause 1—

Mr. LOGUE moved to insert after the word "to" in the sixth line the words "cover with bush or."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill reported, with an amendment.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to moving the adjournment of the House until Friday, 30th August, at 2 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 30th August, 1872.

Trespass on Waste Lands of the Crown Bill: third reading—Trespass by Live Stock Bill: third reading—Municipal Council Geraldton Bill: third reading—Appropriation Bill: third reading—Prorogation.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 2 p.m.

PRAYERS.

TRESPASS ON WASTE LANDS OF THE CROWN BILL.

Third Reading.

Mr. BROCKMAN moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

TRESPASS BY LIVE STOCK BILL.

Third Reading.

Mr. BROCKMAN moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL GERALDTON BILL.

Third Reading.

Mr. SHENTON moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Third Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

PROROGATION.

His EXCELLENCY arrived at the Council Chamber at five minutes to three o'clock, accompanied by his staff, consisting of the Hon. the Commandant (Major Harvest), Mr. J. Grant Elliott, A.D.C., and Mr. Weld-Blundell, Private Secretary; and having desired the members, who had risen on his entrance, to be seated, said—

Mr. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

The conclusion of your labors having been made known to me, I have come down to your House to prorogue your Council; and it is with gratification that in the results of this Session I recognize a progressive spirit, and I doubt not but that your acceptance, in all material points, of the programme which at the commencement of the Session I laid before you, will tend to the immediate advancement of this Colony.

I have already notified to you, by Message, that in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen I have assented to the following Acts:—

"An Act to regulate Grants of Patents for Inventions in the Colony of Western Australia."

"An Act to confirm the Expenditure for the services of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-one beyond the Grant for that year."

"An Act for raising the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Pounds by Loan for the construction of certain Public Works."

This sum could hardly have been provided out of current revenue without a larger increase of taxation than appears to me desirable, and I find with pleasure that you have concurred with me in no longer postponing from year to year works so necessary to the progress of the Colony as new Lighthouses, Wharves, Jetties, and Moorings, extending Telegraph lines, Improvement of River Navigation, and Preliminary Railway Surveys. I assume it to be probable that the small sum required will be easily raised within the Colony itself.

In regard to Coast Surveys the Imperial Government have already, at my request, anticipated your wishes by sending out an experienced Officer to undertake them, and by consenting to bear half of the expenses of a coast Survey which will, when completed, confer a material benefit upon your Commerce.

By voting the requisite Subsidy you have enabled me to carry into effect a proposition for establishing Steam Communication along your Coasts—in my opinion a first and essential element of progress.

In placing at my disposal a small sum for Immigration purposes you have made a commencement which, though insignificant in itself, points the way to future efforts. You are now, for the first time, about to use your credit for a Loan, and it seems fitting that I should remind you that Immigration ought ever to go hand-in-hand with borrowing. You will thus at once increase your power both for borrowing and for repayment, whilst you will diminish your burthen in proportion to the numbers of producers and consumers you may introduce to share it.

In passing an Act intituled "*An Act to repeal an Act for imposing Duties on imported Goods, and for exemption of certain Goods from Duties; and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,*" you have reduced the list of Taxed Articles very largely, though not quite to the extent that I had recommended, and you have therefore conferred a considerable boon upon the producers and consumers of this Colony, whilst, on the other hand, you have wisely left an untaxed loaf to the people,—merits which, in my opinion, counterbalance some departures from true principles of political economy, and I have consequently this day given my assent to this measure, in the name of Her Majesty the Queen.

I have, in like manner, this day consented to the following Acts:—

"An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors."

I trust that this Act will work satisfactorily, and so far as legislation may, by the facilities it affords for the sale of Colonial wine and the suppression of the Sunday liquor traffic, tend to raise the moral tone of the country.

"An Act to amend the 'Scab-in-Sheep Ordinance, 1866,' and to Repeal the 'Scab-in-Sheep Ordinance Amendment Act, 1871.'"

"An Act to Secure in Certain Cases the Right of Property in Telegraphic Messages."

"An Act to prevent the unauthorised Occupation of Waste Lands of the Crown."

"An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Trespasses by Live Stock and to promote the construction of Fences."

"An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Geraldton to compel the Owners and Occupiers of Sandhill Allotments to Plant the same with Grass or Shrubs."

"An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Four Thousand and Sixty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Tenpence out of the General Revenue of the Colony for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three."

I fully concur in the recommendations made by Your Honorable Council in respect to grants of Land for Volunteers, and I have requested that effect may be given them by the Imperial Government.

During the ensuing recess it will be my endeavor to carry out your wishes in respect to plans of Harbor Improvements and Railway Surveys, in order to enable you to take more definite action in these respects in another Session.

Immediate steps will be taken to give publicity to the offer of a reward that you have held forth for the discovery of a Gold Field; and it will give me much pleasure should it be found that the settlers of this Colony, even without that aid from Public Funds which the Government proposed to have extended to them, are ready themselves to prosecute researches in places which are already known to be auriferous and in those which the valuable labors of Mr. Henry Y. L. Brown, the Government Geologist, have shewn to be even yet more likely to contain the precious metal in payable quantities.

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have voted for Her Majesty's service, and you may confidently rely that I shall continue to follow the same course that I initiated in the Session of 1871, and by amalgamation of offices or otherwise, as occasion may offer, use my best endeavors to promote economy so far as may be compatible with the proper conduct of the Public Service.

I now prorogue this Council, and declare it to stand prorogued till the tenth day of January, 1873.

Which being concluded, a copy of the
Speech was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor left the Coun-
cil Chamber and the session closed.
