

members would be better prepared to discuss the matter, and some effectual means of regulating the existing practice, so as to prevent its abuse, might be arrived at.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

#### WINES, BEER, AND SPIRIT SALE ACT, 1872, AMENDMENT 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.

The Council adjourned at 7.35 p.m.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 17th July, 1873.

Religious Bodies (Church of England) Bill: select committee report.—Scab Act: select committee.—Local Revenues in Northern District Bill: in committee.—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Bill: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.

PRAYERS.

#### RELIGIOUS BODIES (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) BILL.

Select Committee Report.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) brought up the report of the select committee appointed to consider a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal two Ordinances intituled respectively 'An Ordinance to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in Western Australia,' and 'An Ordinance to amend An Ordinance intituled an Ordinance to regulate the Temporal Affairs of Churches and Chapels of the United Church of England and Ireland in Western Australia.'" "

He said the committee believed that there appeared to be no objection to the adoption of the measure.

The report was received and read and then adopted.

#### SCAB ACT.

Select Committee.

Mr. DEMPSTER, in accordance with notice, moved for a select committee to take into consideration the Scab Act now in force, and to make such alterations as may be deemed necessary; such committee to consist of Mr. Steere, Mr. Padbury, Mr. Hassell, Mr. Carey, and the Mover, and, with leave, he added the names of the Attorney General (Hon. H. H. Hocking), and Mr. Logue.

Question put and passed.

#### LOCAL REVENUES IN NORTHERN DISTRICT BILL.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

New clause 9—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that new clause 9 be struck out and the following inserted in lieu:—

From and after the first day of September next after the passing of this Act, an export duty or charge of Forty shillings shall be due and payable upon and in respect of every ton of pearl shells exported from any place within to any place beyond the limits of this Colony. Provided, always, that no such duty or charge shall be payable in respect of the small pearl shells from Shark's Bay. Any person exporting or attempting to export pearl shells from any place within to any place beyond the limits of this Colony, without having paid the said duty or charge, shall be liable to a penalty, to be recovered in a summary manner before two Justices of the Peace, not exceeding One hundred pounds, in addition to the forfeiture of the pearl shells.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause 10—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the following words stand as clause 10 of the Bill:—

That pearl shells forfeited under the provisions of this Act shall and may be seized, secured, retained, claimed, adjudicated upon, determined and disposed of under such of the provisions of "The Customs Ordinance, 1860" as are applicable to the seizure and recovery of forfeitures under that last named Ordinance.

New clause agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.  
Sitting suspended for lunch.

**PEARL SHELL FISHERY  
REGULATION BILL**

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Clauses 6 to 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. LOGUE asked for some explanation as to what was intended to afford protection against heat. He could quite understand provision being made to protect the Aborigines engaged in the industry from cold, but in regard of heat he would wish to know whether it was proposed to supply the natives with parasols. (Laughter.)

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) replied that the object of the clause was to protect the natives from injurious climatic effects, but he did not contemplate that the masters of vessels should provide every nigger on board ship with an umbrella to protect him from sunstroke.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 13—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved to strike out the words "in the North District" in the second line.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. MARMION moved to strike out the words "in such District," in the third line.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule A—

Mr. LOGUE moved to strike out the word "each," before the word "day," and insert the word "per" in lieu thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule B—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved in the first line, after the word "constable," to insert the words "or one of the persons appointed to ensure the carrying out of 'The Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Act, 1873.' "

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

The Council adjourned at 2.15 p.m.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,**

Friday, 18th July, 1873.

Mr. James Manning: Address to Governor—Paper Tabled—Tariffs: in committee—Masters and Apprentices Bill: first reading—Supreme Court Ordinance Amendment Bill: motion for second reading: Speaker's ruling.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

**MR. JAMES MANNING.**

Address to Governor.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) announced that the Address to the Governor, adopted on Wednesday, the 16th instant, relative to a grant of £150 to Mr. James Manning, had been reported to His Excellency, who had been pleased to accede to the same.

**PAPER TABLED.**

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid on the table an extract from a letter from Mr. E. A. Von Bibra to the Colonial Secretary dated the 10th July, 1873, relative to sinking two wells between the Murchison and Shark's Bay.

**TARIFFS.**

In Committee.

Mr. MARMION asked for leave to move the articles in his motion *seriatim*, item by item. He said that the motion which stood in his name was one of great importance, involving as it did the vexed question of freetrade v. protection; but the subject was so well-worn, and had been discussed so often in that House, that he considered it quite unnecessary to dilate at any length upon it. Doubtless hon. members had made up their minds as to how they would record their votes, and nothing that could be further said, *pro* or *con.*, would alter their opinions, or change their intentions to vote for or against the resolution. As, however, it was possible that some hon. members might object to all the articles contained in schedule 1 and in the other enumerated table being added to the free list, and yet be prepared to vote in favor of the duty now imposed on some particular article, or articles being removed, he would, with leave of the House, move that each article be taken into consideration separately.

Mr. LOGUE said the hon. gentleman would be out of order in moving the articles separately.