

be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £3,500 for the completion of the works authorised by the Public Loan Act, 1872.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 1st August, 1873.

Immigration—Busselton Jetty—Scab-in-Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill: second reading—Appropriation Bill: second reading: Standing Orders suspension: in committee: third reading—16th Victoria No. 14, Repeal Bill: second reading: in committee: Standing Orders suspension: third reading—Pensioners' Benevolent Society Bill: second reading: in committee: Standing Orders suspension: third reading—Inspectors of Sheep—Immigration—Land Regulations.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

IMMIGRATION.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, moved:—

That this Council is of opinion that the plan of assisted immigration assented to by the House last session has failed, in consequence of its provisions not being sufficiently liberal; and this Council is further of opinion that no system of immigration which can be adopted under our present form of Government is likely to be successful unless a free passage is provided for the immigrants.

That this Council is also of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to procure such a suitable class of immigrants as are now required, and that free passages should be provided for them to the extent that the funds allotted for immigration will permit.

He said that what he meant by the words "under our present form of Government" was that we were not, under our present Constitution, in a position to offer free grants of land to induce immigrants to come here, the lands not being at our disposal.

After some remarks from Mr. PADBURY,

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F.P. Barlee), by way of amendment, moved the omission of the words "under our present form of Government." He did so because he believed that on application to the Home Government no obstacles would be interposed in the way of the colony offering free grants of

land to a suitable class of immigrants. If the hon. member for Wellington would consent to the words being struck out, the resolution would have his cordial support.

Mr. STEERE agreed to omit the words alluded to, and, after some further discussion, the resolution, as amended, was unanimously affirmed.

BUSSELTON JETTY.

Mr. CAREY, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary whether the Government intended to carry out at an early date any further extension of the Busselton jetty, as in the present state of the jetty it would be impossible for the steamer to be placed alongside.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F.P. Barlee) replied that to carry the jetty out to a depth of 11 feet would involve an increased length of 40 fathoms, and an expenditure of from £800 to £1,000. He said the present trade of the district did not justify the expenditure of that sum out of the general revenue for the purpose named.

SCAB-IN-SHEEP ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

Second Reading.

Mr. DEMPSTER moved that the Bill be now read a second time. He said that the Bill was based on the principles enunciated in the report of the select committee appointed to consider the existing Scab Act.

Mr. LOGUE, in rising to support the motion, pointed out the most salient features which the committee proposed to introduce. The Bill had been prepared with great care, and after mature deliberation, by a select committee consisting of those most interested and experienced in the subject; and he was, therefore, quite surprised to find that there was likely to be any opposition to the second reading. The amendment of which the hon. baronet had given notice appeared very much like an attempt to stop discussion on the Bill; and he (Mr. Logue) thought he was quite justified in stating that such tactics were unfair and not calculated to advance the public interest. No doubt there were matters of detail in the Bill which would require amending, and that might be done if the House went into Committee upon it. Objection had been taken, and he thought very unfairly, the other evening, by the Colonial Secretary, before he had seen the Bill, to the measure because he thought it would involve considerable expenditure out of the public funds in pensions and gratuities to scab-inspectors whose services

were dispensed with. On reference to the last clause of the Bill it would be seen that it provided that the contributions to be paid by sheep-owners in respect of their flocks pursuant to the provisions of the 30th Vic. No. 13 should be continued to such an amount, and for such period, as might be necessary to enable the Government to give to the scab inspectors such compensation as might be due to them in respect of their loss of offices.

Sir Thomas COCKBURN-CAMPBELL then moved, by way of amendment, that the Bill be read that day six months, assigning as his reasons for doing so the objections he had raised to the adoption of the report of the select committee.

Mr. MARMION seconded and supported the amendment.

The discussion was continued by Mr. STEERE, Mr. DEMPSTER, the ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking), and Mr. PADBURY.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) remarked that the report of the select committee who had prepared the Bill affirmed two principles, first of all, that the present scab-in-sheep Ordinance had worked most unsatisfactorily, and, secondly, that an Act for the effectual eradication of scab could be carried out without the intervention of paid inspectors. The committee in their report further stated that they had prepared a Bill based on those two principles. The adoption of that report was negatived by a majority of the House; nevertheless, the select committee who had charge of the Bill insisted on proceeding with the second reading of a measure based on the very principles which the House had refused to affirm a day or two previously. Such a course appeared to him an unprofitable waste of time, and, for the reasons he had already assigned, he would support the amendment. Considering that the session was just drawing to a close, that all the work which it was proposed to get through had been accomplished, and that the prorogation had been fixed for the following day, it appeared to him unwise to press upon the House a measure which proposed to effect a radical change in the working of a system; a measure, too, the fundamental principles of which had been rejected by the majority of the hon. members of that Council.

Mr. LOGUE said that the sessional labors of the Council had not terminated, that the Appropriation and other Bills had not yet been passed, and such excuses should not have been put forward to stop discussion on the Bill. If the Government chose to prorogue

the House, they did so on their own responsibility; for his own part, and he believed he might add on the part of the elected members generally, they were prepared to remain and discuss this or any other matter of public interest.

After some further discussion, the amendment, "That the Bill be read a second time this day six months," was put upon which a division was called for the result being as follows:—

Ayes	8
Noes	7
Majority for	1

Ayes.	Noes.
The Hon. F. P. Barlee	Mr. Hassell
The Hon. H. H. Hocking	Mr. Pearse
The Hon. M. Fraser	Mr. Dempster
Mr. Hickley	Mr. Padbury
Mr. Marmion	Mr. Carey
Mr. Russell	Mr. Steere
Mr. Monger	Mr. Logue (Teller.)
Sir Thomas Cockburn-Campbell (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

The Bill was discharged from the notice paper.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Second Reading.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to passing the Bill through all stages.

Question put and passed.

In Committee.

The Bill passed through Committee without discussion.

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.

16TH VICTORIA NO. 14, REPEAL BILL.

Second Reading.

Mr. CAREY moved that the Bill be now read a second time. He said that the Bill was to provide for the abolition of the license to kill kangaroos, and to remove the impost on the exportation of kangaroo skins.

Debate ensued.

The Bill was read a second time.

In Committee.

Clause 1—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved to insert after the word "the" in the first line the words "3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the," and in the last line to strike out the word "is" and insert in lieu the word "are."

Debate ensued.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that after the word "expedient" the words "to abolish the license to kill kangaroos and" be struck out.

Amendment agreed to.

Preamble, as amended, agreed to.

Title—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved to strike out the word "repeal" and insert in lieu the word "amend."

Amendment agreed to.

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

Mr. CAREY moved that the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to passing the Bill through all stages.

Question put and passed.

Third Reading.

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

Mr. MARMION, by way of amendment, moved that the Bill be read a third time this day six months.

Question put, "That the Bill be read a third time this day six months," upon which a division was called for the result being as follows:—

Ayes	9
Noes	6

Majority for	3
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Ayes. The Hon. H. H. Hocking The Hon. M. Fraser Mr. Bickley Mr. Pearce Mr. Russell Sir Thomas Cockburn- Campbell Mr. Logue Mr. Monger Mr. Marmion (Teller.)	Noes. The Hon. F. P. Barlee Mr. Steere Mr. Hassell Mr. Padbury Mr. Dempster Mr. Carey (Teller.)
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Amendment thus passed.

Bill defeated.

PENSIONERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY BILL.

Second Reading.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

In Committee.

The Bill passed through Committee without discussion.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to passing the Bill through all stages.

Question put and passed.

Third Reading.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

INSPECTORS OF SHEEP.

Mr. LOGUE, with leave, moved that the sheep inspector of the central districts be forthwith ordered to inspect all sheep kept for the purposes of slaughter for sale within his district, more especially at or near the towns of Perth, Fremantle, and Guildford, and immediately to lodge information and complaint before the justices of the peace in all cases where the 27th clause of the 30th Vict. No. 13 has been infringed, or where any other part or portion of the said Ordinance has been evaded; and that the inspectors generally should be instructed to adopt a similar course within their respective districts.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) asked the hon. member to pause before he pressed such a motion for the affirmation of the House, as its sum and substance was merely to affirm that an Act of Council should be enforced. On behalf of the Government he might say that immediate steps would be taken, without any formal motion of the House, to call the attention of the scab inspectors to the several matters alluded to in the resolution. It was the intention of the Government, during the recess, to see that the provisions of the Scab Act were rigorously enforced and carried out, such, he believed, being the general wish of the House. Under the circumstance he would therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. LOGUE declined to do this, whereupon,

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved, as an amendment, that the resolutions of the hon. member, in regard of carrying out the provisions of the Scab Act, do apply to all Acts and Ordinances in force.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

IMMIGRATION.

Mr. LOGUE called the attention of the Colonial Secretary to the promise contained in No. 4 of the Minutes of last session, and asked him whether the decision of the Secretary of State had yet arrived and, if so, why the papers alluded to in that Minute had not yet been placed in the hands of members, as it was evident that those papers were not connected with any subject whatsoever.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) replied that the Governor was precluded from publishing any correspondence with the Secretary of State until such correspondence was complete. The papers would be published and furnished to members at an early date.

LAND REGULATIONS.

Mr. CAREY asked the Colonial Secretary whether it was the intention of the Government to make any alterations in the Land Regulations, so as to allow the right of running stock where land was taken up for agricultural purposes on runs rented from the Government.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) replied that he was unable to say whether it was the intention of the Government to do so.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Saturday, 2nd August, 1873.

Prorogation.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.
PRAYERS.

PROROGATION.

His EXCELLENCY arrived at the Council Chamber shortly after 12 noon, and having desired the members, who had risen on his entrance, to be seated, said—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

The time has arrived for you to terminate your labors, and for me to close a Session which has done much to advance the welfare of the country.

You have carefully considered and passed into law various measures proposed to you by my Government, some of which are of considerable importance.

You have wisely put at my disposal means of more fully carrying out public works already begun, for prospecting and testing our auriferous country, and for encouraging new industries.

I shall willingly give effect, so far as in me lies, to the recommendations of Your Committee on Harbor Improvements.

The enquiry made by your Select Committee on Departmental Expenditure has led to some minor suggestions of detail which may be useful, and to a future prospect of some small reductions, chiefly in the direction already indicated as possible, alluded to in my closing address of last Session, and to some extent acted upon by Government; whilst the fact that you have in no particular found occasion to disturb or criticise existing salaries or offices, is a gratifying and marked recognition of the success which has attended our efforts to confine Departmental Expenditure within the narrowest limits compatible with efficiency.

I concur in the resolutions you have passed on the subject of Immigration, a question which must soon become one of primary importance to this rising Colony.

I will at once bring under the consideration of the Secretary of State for the Colonies the expression of your willingness to consider propositions for the transfer of the Convict Establishment to the Colonial Government.