

ceeded the estimated revenue by a good round sum. He entertained the same hope with regard to the next year.

The resolution of the hon. member for Swan was then put to the vote, and a division being called for there appeared:

Ayes	7
Noes	5
Majority for			2

AYES.		NOES.	
The Hon. A. O'G. Lefroy		Sir L. S. Leake	
The Hon. M. Fraser		Mr. Burt	
Mr. Brown		Mr. Parker	
Mr. Burges		Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Hamersley		Mr. Steere (Teller.)	
Mr. Crowther			
Mr. Padbury (Teller.)			

(No other hon. members were present.)

The motion was therefore adopted.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved, in committee, That His Excellency the Governor be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £1,000 towards defraying expenses connected with forwarding exhibits from this Colony to the Paris Exhibition of 1878.

MR. SHENTON, looking at the large amount they had already voted for the public service, hardly thought they were in a position to afford this sum.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said, although the Government asked for £1,000, a lesser sum would be expended if it were found that in doing so they could secure a proper representation of the Colony's products and resources.

MR. BURT thought it would be wise to consider whether they should be represented at Paris at all. Unless they were in a position to do the Colony full justice, they had better keep aloof altogether. No interest whatever seemed to have been manifested in the collection of exhibits by the various committees which had been appointed, and, for his own part, he would like to see the matter dropped.

MR. PADBURY: If we can make anything like a decent show, I think the money will be well spent.

Resolution agreed to.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

MR. STEERE moved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to authorise the expenditure from public funds of the sum of £100 as a grant-in-aid of the above association. So favorably impressed had His Excellency been with the show of last year that he had promised the committee to place a sum of £100 on the Estimates for the following year, and, in view of this promise, the committee had arranged their schedule of prizes accordingly, forgetting that the vote on the Estimates would not be available until 1878. The object of the present resolution was to enable the committee to draw the money in time to pay the prizes at the approaching show.

Motion agreed to.

THIRD READINGS.

The Railway Act, 1873, Amendment Bill, and the Arrest of Absconding Debtors' Act, Amendment Bill, were read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at a quarter past 4 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 17th August, 1877.

Ballot Act, 1877, Suspension Bill—Salary of Director of Public Works—Police Ordinance, 1861, Amendment Bill—Appropriation Bill—Immigration—Messages from His Excellency the Governor—Prorogation.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

BALLOT ACT, 1877, SUSPENSION BILL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking), in accordance with notice, moved, The first reading of a Bill to suspend the operation of "The Ballot

Act, 1877," until the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure with regard to the Bill.

Agreed to.

Standing Orders suspended, and Bill passed through it various stages and reported.

SALARY OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

MR. CROWTHER, with leave, asked if the Government proposed, in accordance with the expressed wish of the House, to increase the salary of the Director of Public Works to £600, with travelling allowance. This officer's immediate presence at Geraldton was of the utmost public importance in connection with the railway works in progress of construction, and also the Point Moore Lighthouse. But he believed there was not much probability of Mr. Thomas going down unless the Government acceded to the wish of the House with regard to his travelling allowances.

MR. PADBURY thought, if the exigencies of the public service demanded the presence of the Director of Public Works in any locality, it would have looked better on the part of that officer—rather than that the Colony should lose hundreds or thousands of pounds—had he proceeded to that locality whenever his services were required, relying upon the liberality of the House to recoup him his travelling expenses. He was informed that Mr. Thomas was determined, unless he received an increase of salary and his travelling expenses, not to visit Geraldton at all. This was rather too bad.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said the Director of Public Works already received £50 a year more than he was promised when he came to the Colony, so that it could not be said his services had been overlooked. It was not the intention of the Government, at present, to further increase his salary or to make any alteration in connection with his travelling allowance. As to thinking of Mr. Thomas refusing to proceed to Champion Bay, unless he received an increased salary and his expenses, that was hardly likely to be the case, and he was surprised that any hon. member

should entertain such an opinion of the Director of Public Works. If the Government deemed his presence necessary at Champion Bay, he would have to go or resign. As he had already said, it was not the present intention of the Government to make any alteration in Mr. Thomas' salary or travelling allowance.

MR. CROWTHER: Then all I can say in the meantime is,—I would recommend the Government to suspend all operations in the North until they have some one to superintend them.

POLICE ORDINANCE, 1861, AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. BROWN moved, The second reading of a Bill to amend the twenty-sixth section of "The Police Ordinance, 1861." The hon. member said the section referred to enacted that it shall not be lawful for any person to bathe in or near any public wharf, or public place, or quay, or jetty in or near any city or town, between the hours of six o'clock in the morning and eight of the clock in the evening. The object of the Bill before the House was to empower Municipal Councils to make by-laws regulating the hours within which, and conditions under which, bathing may be permitted in, or near to, such places.

Motion agreed to.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1.—"From and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any Municipal Council duly constituted under the provisions of "The Municipal Institutions' Act, 1876," subject to the provisions of the said Act, to make, publish, alter, modify, amend, or repeal such by-laws and regulations as to them shall seem meet for regulating the hours within and the conditions under which bathing shall be permitted in or near to any public wharf, or public place, or quay, or jetty within the limits of its Municipality; and when any Council has made any such by-laws as aforesaid, then within the jurisdiction of such Council the subject of bathing shall cease to be regulated by section twenty-six of "The Police Ordinance, 1861," in so far as the provisions of the said section may be at

variance with the provisions of the said by-laws."

Agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved, The second reading of this Bill, which was agreed to.

Bill committed and passed.

IMMIGRATION.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy): Before the House adjourns, I would ask leave to bring under the attention of hon. members the following paragraph from a letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor by Messrs. Felgate & Co., dated 9th June, 1876:

"We would suggest for the Governor's consideration, that in consideration of the cost of correspondence, advertising, &c., the passage money be increased from £18 to £18 15s. per head. We do not desire to put the Colony to any unnecessary expense, and this additional sum will not cover the outlay prior to embarkation. It continually happens that emigrants concerning whom much trouble has been taken, refuse, at the last moment, to embark. In the cargo per "Daylight" five did not come forward at the last moment, though we had placed provisions on board and reserved accommodation for them. This, of course, is a serious loss to us; and had we been acting under H.M. Emigration Commissioners, half the passage money would, in such a case, have been allowed."

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said His Excellency had refused to accede to Messrs. Felgate & Co's. request to increase the passage money, in the belief that the sum now allowed was adequate. His Excellency, however, would be glad to have an expression of opinion on the part of the House in the matter.

MR. PADBURY supposed the extra 15s. asked for was for the trouble the firm experienced in selecting immigrants. So far as his own experience went, the last two or three batches which had come

out through Messrs. Felgate's agency were a much better stamp of men than they had had before.

MR. STEERE thought it very difficult for the House to arrive at any satisfactory decision in the matter, with the information at its command. If the Government considered the request a reasonable one he should say they might allow it. He did not suppose there would be any objection on the part of the House, if the claim was well-founded.

MR. CROWTHER believed the firm worked very hard, and that they were deserving of the increased allowance.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said he was of the same opinion.

The matter then dropped.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER reported the receipt of the following message from His Excellency the Governor:

"The Governor acknowledges the receipt of messages from Your Honorable House requesting him to expend the following sums for the purposes therein described:—

£150 for mail services between Geraldton and the Sandford River.

£50 for the Mechanics' Institute at Busselton.

£1000 for special surveys in the North District.

£141 8s. 5d. for the Legislative Library.

£100 for expenses incurred by A. P. Bussell, Esq., in connection with relief to "Georgette."

£100 for the W. A. Agricultural Association.

Resolutions on the following subjects have been handed to the Governor by Mr. Speaker:—

Steam communication between Champion Bay and the Eastern Colonies.

Steam communication between the ports of this Colony and the Straits Settlements.

The Paris Exhibition Vote.

The question of a School House at Northampton.

The recommendation of the Select Committee on the subject of the Scabin-Sheep Acts, as communicated to the Governor by Message from Your Honor-

able House, are under the consideration of the Government.

Government House, Perth, 17th August, 1877."

PROROGATION.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, attended by his suite, entered the Council Chamber shortly after four o'clock, and having seated himself in Mr. Speaker's chair, read the following speech:—

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

The zeal with which you have applied yourselves to your Legislative duties enables me now to relieve you from further attendance in Council. In doing so, I have to thank you for your attention to the public business which has resulted in the enactment of the various useful measures which have been presented for my assent.

The most important Act of the Session is the Act to amend the law relating to procedure at the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Council, by abolishing proxy voting and substituting voting by ballot. The care which you have bestowed upon this measure, and the desire which you have evinced to make it as perfect as possible, are deserving of the highest praise. For my own part, I rejoice that the principle of secret voting has been affirmed by the Legislature during my administration of the Government, and I shall always look

back with satisfaction to the share which I have been able to take in bringing about this valuable reform.

The Elementary Education Amendment Act will enable the salaries of the teachers to be more evenly distributed than at present, while at the same time the sound principles of the parent law will happily remain untouched. The effective administration of such a law as our Elementary Education Act is essential to its success, and I trust that the Central and Local Boards will continue to manifest that vigilant interest in the operation of the Act which the working of the system demands.

For your attention to the other measures of the Session I beg to tender you my acknowledgements, as also for the provision which you have made for the requirements of the public service.

As this is the last occasion on which I shall have the honor of addressing you, I beg leave to offer you my cordial thanks for the assistance and support which you have at all times so readily extended to me, and to assure you that, while rejoicing in the general progress of these great Australasian Colonies, I shall always take a special personal interest in the future welfare of Western Australia.

I now prorogue this Council to Monday, 26th November next ensuing."

HIS EXCELLENCY, having handed a copy of the Speech to the Speaker, retired from the Council Chamber, and the Session closed.