

mark when he said that the amount of goods imported had quadrupled.

MR. MARMION thought it was unwise to employ occasional hands in the Customs Department.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said if hon. members intended to strike out the item he would move to report progress at this stage, so as to confer with the Collector of Customs.

Agreed to.

Progress reported.

#### SURVEY OF RAILWAY FROM GERALDTON TO MULLEWA.

On the order of the day for the adjourned debate upon this motion,

MR. MARMION said he believed that many members sympathised with the object which the hon. member for Geraldton had in view, and hoped before long to see it carried out. But he did not feel himself justified in the present condition of affairs to support the motion to place a sum on next year's Estimates for this survey. Nor did he think the hon. member was likely to meet with much support from the House generally.

MR. KEANE said he felt it would be useless on his part to press the motion, and, under the circumstances, sooner than court a defeat, he would withdraw it, although he was quite prepared to go into the question of cost of construction of a light line, if the Commissioner of Railways wished it.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

#### MAIL SERVICE, NORTHAMPTON TO NOOKAWARRA.

On the order of the day for the resumption of the debate upon this motion,

MR. A. FORREST said he had been informed there was no real necessity for this mail service, and that it would only accommodate some two or three settlers. Under these circumstances he failed to see why that House should be called upon to vote £200 or £300 a year for such a service.

MR. HENSMAN was informed there were at least a dozen settlers who would be accommodated by the proposed service. He thought there was nothing more important than that they should provide a regular means of postal com-

munication for these outlying settlers. They were told the service would not cost more than about £150 a year, and the question seemed to resolve itself into this—could this great colony afford £150 a year?

The motion, upon being put, was negatived.

#### COPYRIGHT REGISTER BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

#### RAILWAY SERVANTS BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at forty-five minutes past ten o'clock, p.m.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Tuesday, 19th July, 1887.*

Message (No. 11): Report of Australasian Stock Conference: referred to select committee—Message (No. 12): Land Grant Railway Proposals: referred to select committee—Message (No. 12): Water Supply for Perth and Fremantle: referred to select committee—Message (No. 13): Amendments in Goldfields Regulations: referred to select committee—Message (No. 15): Revision of Customs Tariff: referred to select committee—Clackline-Newcastle Railway Bill: first reading—Inspector of Accounts' Report on the "Store" question—Petition for Reduction of Royalty on PearlsHELLS—Supplementary Estimates, 1887: further consideration in committee—"Hansard" reports—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

#### MESSAGE (No. 11): AUSTRALASIAN STOCK CONFERENCE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) moved that the consideration of Message No. 11 (Report of Australasian Stock Conference) be referred to a select committee; and that such committee consist of Mr. E. Brockman, Mr. McRae, Mr. Harper, Mr. Venn, and Mr. Layman, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report in a week.

Agreed to.

## MESSAGE (No. 12): RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION AND WATER SUPPLY.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) moved that Message No. 12 (Proposals for Construction of Railways from York to Eucla, Esperance Bay to Hampton Plains, and from Perth to Busselton, and proposals for Perth and Fremantle Water Supply) be referred to a select committee, to consist of the Hon. J. A. Wright, the Hon. J. G. Lee Steere, Mr. Congdon, Mr. Marmion, Mr. Richardson, and, by leave, Mr. Shenton and Mr. Sholl, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report in a week.

MR. VENN objected to these select committees consisting of more than the five members provided for by the Standing Orders, because when they reported they had practically a majority in the House, and, therefore, the House would not have the opportunity of deciding the question. He moved that the committee consist of not more than five members, and that they be elected by ballot.

MR. MARMION said it did not matter whether the committee consisted of seven or ten members, as each member had his individual opinion, and was not bound to accept the report of the committee. He was in favor of the resolution standing as it appeared on the notice paper.

MR. HENSMAN was in favor of the committee consisting only of five members. The duty of a committee was to collect information upon which the House could decide the issue.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that it was a matter of indifference to the Government whether the committee consisted of five or seven members. He had done his duty in bringing the matter before the House, and he left it to the members to decide how the committees should be composed.

MR. RANDELL said there were five different committees to be appointed, and if each one was to consist of seven members, there would not be enough members in the House to act on them without some members sitting on more than one committee. Each committee should, he thought, consist of five members.

The motion of Mr. VENN was put and carried. The committees were then elected by ballot, the following being the results:—

*York to Eucla Railway and the Esperance Bay to Hampton Plains Railway:* Sir Thomas Campbell, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Marmion, the Hon. J. G. Lee Steere, and the Commissioner of Railways; *Perth to Busselton Railway:* the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Layman, Mr. Shenton, Mr. Venn, and Mr. Richardson; *Water Supply for Perth and Fremantle:* Mr. Congdon, Mr. Keane, Mr. Randell, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Shenton.

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried.

## MESSAGE (No. 13): AMENDMENT OF GOLDFIELDS REGULATIONS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) moved that Message No. 13 (Amendments in Goldfields Regulations) be referred to a select committee, to consist of Mr. McRae, Mr. Loton, Mr. A. Forrest, Mr. Keane, and the mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and to report in a week.

Carried.

## MESSAGE (No. 15): REVISION OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) moved that Message No. 15 (to consider alterations that may be desirable in existing Customs Tariff) be referred to a select committee, to consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Randell, Mr. Loton, and the mover, and, by leave, Mr. Shenton and Mr. Venn.

MR. SHOLL moved that the number of the committee should be reduced to five.

MR. FORREST seconded the motion.

The House divided upon Mr. SHOLL'S motion, with the following result:

Ayes ... .. 9

Noes ... .. 13

Majority against ... 4

AYES.	NOES.
Captain Fawcett	Mr. E. R. Brockman
Mr. Forrest	Mr. Congdon
Mr. Keane	Hon. Sir M. Fraser
Mr. Layman	Mr. Harper
Mr. Loton	Mr. James
Mr. McRae	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Randell	Mr. Parker
Mr. Scott	Mr. Pearse
Mr. Sholl (Teller).	Mr. Richardson
	Mr. Shenton
	Mr. Venn
	Hon. C. N. Warton
	Hon. J. A. Wright
	(Teller.)

Mr. A. FORREST called for a ballot, and the Clerk reported the following as having been elected:—The Hon. Sir M. Fraser, Mr. Loton, Mr. Marnion, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shenton, Mr. Venn, and Mr. Randell.

CLACKLINE-NEWCASTLE RAILWAY  
BILL.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright) moved the first reading of a bill to authorise the construction of the Clackline-Newcastle Railway.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

INSPECTOR OF ACCOUNTS' REPORT ON  
THE "STORE" QUESTION.

Mr. RANDELL, in accordance with notice, moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid on the table of this House the Report (1886) dealing with the whole "Store Question," with the covering minute of the Inspector of Accounts. This report, he said, would be of great use to the Excess Committee. The item which first directed his attention to the desirability of getting this report was that of stationery for public offices. He was aware of the fact that for the last eight or ten years the expenditure under that head had not been under £1,000, but he found £1,800 voted for the item of stationery for the public offices last year, and he was astonished to find that a large part of that had not been spent. Perhaps the reason was that there had been a large supply in stock left over from the previous year, but they were not made aware of this by the accounts. This was certainly an argument for their being given the report of the Inspector of Public Accounts, as it would enable them to understand what stores were not brought forward as an asset of the colony. Then, he found in calculating the expenditure and receipts of the railway, according to the statement of the public accounts for the financial year ending December 31, 1886, that the expenditure exceeded the income by a large sum. On looking at the report of the Commissioner of Railways, however, he found that there

was a surplus of revenue over expenditure, after the working expenses had been paid, of £3,169. He thought it was necessary the House should have a clear and distinct idea of the principle on which the public accounts were kept. He believed that the report in question would be of importance as giving the House necessary information.

The motion, upon being put, was adopted.

THE ROYALTY ON PEARL SHELLS.

Mr. McRAE moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the table of the House a petition from certain persons in the North District praying for a reduction in the Royalty on Pearl Shells.

Agreed to.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

The consideration of the Supplementary Estimates in committee was resumed.

*Customs Department, £1,129 6s. 8d.:*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that he had moved for the adjournment of the debate in order that he might obtain further information from the Collector of Customs, as to the item "Extra Assistant Landing Waiter, Albany, £90," which the hon. member for the Gascoyne had moved to strike out. The information he had obtained would somewhat modify the vote, as, instead of £90, the sum required would be £45 to provide a landing waiter for the remainder of the year at Albany. The officer to be employed would not be a permanent official. Assistance was greatly needed in the Customs Department at Albany.

Mr. LOTON thought that when the Estimates were got up, there ought to have been a sufficient margin to cover the payment of officers temporarily appointed.

Mr. HENSMAN said the House would like some information as to the necessity for this officer. He thought that in the present state of the finances of the colony the committee should go carefully into every item of the Supplementary Estimates. It appeared to him

they were putting on a permanent officer in an indirect way.

MR. CONGDON thought the Government should be better judges than hon. members as to the necessity for this additional officer.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. A. Wright) said that the receipt of Customs was one of the most important items of revenue, and yet hon. members cavilled at the expense for these Customs duties being properly collected.

MR. SHOLL said he challenged the remark that hon. members were indifferent to the manner in which Customs duties were collected. Hon. members objected to frequent increases in the staff of officers. He would rather see fewer officers and better salaries.

MR. SCOTT thought the Government should have seen a year ago that this extra expenditure was necessary. The shipping at Albany had not grown since then. At any rate, the Government should be prepared with a full explanation of each item.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) repeated that the Collector of Customs reported that the expenditure of £45 asked for was necessary.

The committee divided on Mr. SHOLL's motion—that the vote be struck out—as follows:—

Ayes ... ..	12
Noes ... ..	10
Majority for	2

## AYES.

Mr. H. Brockman  
 Captain Fawcett  
 Mr. Forrest  
 Mr. Hensman  
 Mr. Keane  
 Mr. Layman  
 Mr. Loton  
 Mr. Marmion  
 Mr. MacRae  
 Mr. Pearse  
 Mr. Shenton  
 Mr. Sholl (Teller.)

## NOES.

Mr. E. R. Brockman  
 Mr. Congdon  
 Mr. Harper  
 Mr. James  
 Mr. Randell  
 Mr. Scott  
 Mr. Venn  
 Hon. C. N. Warton  
 Hon. J. A. Wright  
 Hon. Sir M. Fraser  
 (Teller.)

The motion was agreed to, and the item expunged.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser), in reply to Mr. SHENTON, said that on obtaining further information, he was able to reduce the sum of £450 for "Payment of officers occasionally employed" by £100.

MR. HENSMAN said he should like to have some information on this matter.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that the reduced sum of £350 was required for the payment of persons who could not be employed all the year round. The Collector of Customs had reported that he was completely out of funds, and this further vote was necessary to enable him to carry on the work of the Customs. It would be cheaper to employ occasional hands when there was a heavy pressure of work, than to increase the permanent staff.

MR. SHENTON said this sum was required for the payment chiefly of tide-waiters. It was necessary that, when ships arrived in any port of the colony, officers representing the Customs Department should be placed on board until the cargo could be discharged.

The motion of the Colonial Secretary that the sum of £450 be reduced to £350 was passed.

MR. A. FORREST moved that the sum of £300 for extra labor on wharves be reduced by £150. The manner in which the wharf officials carried out their work was a disgrace. If they were in his service, he would know what to do with them. They would not remain in his office twelve hours. He should like to know the cost of Fremantle wharf since it had been taken over by the Government. When it was in the hands of a contractor it was badly managed, but since it had been in the hands of the Government its state had become even worse. People's goods were left out in the rain. If any one had stock coming down, the official asked for them to be swum ashore and then charged wharfage dues.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said a mass of information was supplied in printed papers to the hon. members, and they did not seem to make use of it. The hon. member who had moved for the reduction of this vote had evidently not seen the papers on the subject. The wharf was a reproductive work, the excess of revenue over expenditure for the year having been large.

MR. A. FORREST said he did not wonder at the Government making money out of the wharf, seeing the little care they took of people's goods.

MR. SHENTON said that the money asked for must be spent, or the wharf would be in a worse state than before.

Mr. LOTON said that if this extra labor was necessary the public would have to pay for it, but there ought to be no necessity for this extra sum. In 1886 the sum of £180 was paid for permanent laborers, and £600 was voted for six permanent laborers for 1887. If, therefore, they voted the sum of £300, the cost of labor on the wharves would exceed that of 1886 by £420. £300 for extra labor at Fremantle for the current half-year was a large sum. It was sufficient to pay twelve men for the half-year at the rate of £100 a year. It was not a pleasant thing to have to attack items placed before them in that way. The Government at the commencement of the year should have seen that ample provision was being made for this work on the wharves. If the expenditure of the colony was to go on as now in the various departments, the revenue would be swamped, and they should very soon be in a state bordering on insolvency. What would be the position of a private mercantile firm if its business was conducted in the same way as were some of the Government departments? If certain men were employed to do certain work, they should do it, whether much or little, and not be constantly calling for help. If the head of the Customs Department was responsible for this expenditure upon extra labor, the sooner there was a better head of that department the better.

Mr. HENSMAN said that seeing how readily fresh information had caused the reduction of one sum from £90 to £45, of another from £706 to £606, it would be as well to challenge every item. Therefore, without further or more satisfactory information, he should vote for the reduction.

Mr. CONGDON said that the original estimate was only an approximate one, and the Government in it asked for as much as they dared. It appeared that a further sum was required, and he would vote for its being paid.

Mr. SHOLL said that it was a fact that the Estimates were simply approximate; in fact they were jumped at. There was a feeling abroad that there was excessive expenditure going on. If a little more care was exercised in framing the Estimates and a little more confidence in the members of that House was shown by the Government, their time would not

be wasted in discussing these items. In the absence of more information, he would vote for the reduction.

The committee divided on Mr. A. FORREST'S motion, with the following result:

Ayes ... .. 13

Noes ... .. 9

Majority for ... .. 4

AYES.  
Mr. H. Brockman  
Captain Pawcett  
Mr. Hensman  
Mr. Keane  
Mr. Layman  
Mr. Loton  
Mr. McRae  
Mr. Raudell  
Mr. Richardson  
Mr. Scott  
Mr. Sholl  
Mr. Yenn  
Mr. Forrest (Teller.)

NOES.  
Mr. Congdon  
Hon. Sir M. Fraser  
Mr. James  
Mr. Marmion  
Mr. Parker  
Mr. Pearse  
Mr. Shenton  
Hon. C. N. Warton  
Hon. J. A. Wright (Teller.)

The item was therefore reduced by £150.

The motion that a sum not exceeding £789 6s. 8d. be granted to Customs Department was then put and passed.

*Works and Railways Department,*  
£10,060:

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. A. Wright), referring to the item "Two extra probation clerks, £60," said that probation clerks were employed without salary for six months in his department, and that, if at the end of that time it was thought well, they were recommended for salary. It was his aim to train youths in the work of the department, so that in future he should not have to go elsewhere for persons to fill vacancies. The amount put down for two probation clerks for the half year had, he admitted, been stated at £60 instead of £50. He would see that they were not paid more than £50.

Mr. HENSMAN: It may come back in the way of fines.

Mr. SHOLL: They are likely to make it up again by travelling expenses.

On the motion of Mr. SHENTON, the sum of £60, put down for two probation clerks, was reduced to £50.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. A. Wright) explained that the sum of £1,250 for "Wages, overtime and extra labor," was meant to cover extra expenditure for cleaning engines, Sunday work, etc. He preferred asking for a sum likely to meet all de-

mands rather than go before that fearful tribunal, the Finance Committee.

MR. HENSMAN said that of the sum originally granted for this department (£12,000) only £5,000 had up to the present been spent, and it was likely, therefore, there would be a balance of £2,000 at the end of the year. Should there be a balance at the end of the year, there was no saying that it might not—taking into account the practice of the Government—be reappropriated to some other item of expenditure.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. A. Wright), in reply to Mr. Hensman, said that the sum £5,500 for additional rolling stock was asked for because it was found that it would be impossible to carry on the work of the railway without additional engines, trucks, etc. Indents had been sent to England to the amount of £5,250, and the remaining £250 was a small balance to pay landing charges and other expenses.

MR. HENSMAN said it appeared that it was their duty to simply confirm the voting of money by the Finance Committee.

MR. KEANE said he agreed that these things were necessary for the railway, but he thought the matter should first have been referred to the House, and not to the Finance Committee.

MR. SHENTON, as a member of the Finance Committee, said he should like to say that that body were placed in a very awkward position. The Railway Department came to them soon after the prorogation of Council and asked for £5,500 for additional rolling stock. The Committee while approving of the expenditure of this money, the rolling stock being required, expressed their disapproval of the demand being made to them instead of to the Council when in session. It was some time before they could settle the question, but it was pointed out by the Railway Department that unless the permission was given to send this indent to England, traffic on the railway must stop. Upon this, they voted the sum. It was a case of want of forethought, or perhaps a case where the Government had shirked the responsibility of coming to the House for the vote.

MR. PARKER said that when hon. members attacked the Finance Committee, they should bear in mind that this was a

body of their own creation. The appointment of that committee was opposed by the Government, but demanded by the House, in order that it might have the control of public money. The committee had condemned the department for coming to them for an authority to spend this money, but under the circumstances they were bound to give their consent.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright) said that the engines, etc., placed on the indents, had not come to hand yet, nor did he know the position of the order. It was necessary to send away the indents last year as such a long time would elapse before delivery could be obtained. That was the reason why the department did not wait until the present session of Council for the voting of the money.

MR. HENSMAN pressed the Commissioner for an explanation of why the department had gone to the Finance Committee so soon after the prorogation of Council. Surely nothing, he said, could have happened in two or three weeks, or a month, to create the necessity for this rolling stock.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright) replied that the matter was not brought before Council because it was over-looked.

MR. McRAE asked for information as to the sum £1,200 set down as working expenses for the Cossack-Roebourne tramway and the Derby tramway.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright) said that he had put down the expenses at £1,250 and the income at £1,000, but he had hopes of the first being less and the latter more. The Cossack-Roebourne tramway had been at work for only ten days, but the profit on those ten days had been £15. He had received two offers for running the tramways, but neither of them were satisfactory.

The motion for the voting of £10,050 for the Works and Railways Department was then put and passed.

*Postal and Telegraph Department,*  
£2,833 :

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that the sums placed on the Estimates for clerks at Cossack and Roebourne were asked for in order to carry their salaries up to the end of the year instead of to the end of October,

for the convenience of the Treasury Department.

CAPTAIN FAWCETT asked for an explanation of the item "Clerk, Stamp Office, at £60,—£45."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said it had been thought necessary to appoint a clerk to attend to the sale of stamps, in order that the other clerks might be able to devote their attention to more important business.

MR. SHOLL said that half a year's salary at £60 per annum was only £30. He would like an explanation of this. Had a portion of this £45 been expended?

MR. HENSMAN said he did not understand the item. He understood that the Stamp Office clerk had not been appointed, but, apparently, he had already earned a part of the £45.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said he had endeavored to make himself clear. The clerk in question had been employed for some time without salary, and the object of asking for £45 was to pay him for a portion of his services prior to the commencement of the half-year.

MR. PARKER said that with regard to the sum of £290 for three additional telegraph operators, this matter, he said, was referred to the Finance Committee on a request for authority to undertake this expenditure. While giving permission for this expenditure, the Committee expressed their regret that arrangements had not been made to train an efficient staff of operators in the colony, thus preventing the necessity of going abroad for operators. These extra operators were asked for because additional telegraph offices were being opened. The Finance Committee thought that young people should be trained to act as telegraph operators.

MR. A. FORREST asked for an explanation of the item £635 for the conveyance of inland mails.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that this sum would be paid to the Railway Department.

MR. LOTON: It will appear as traffic in the railway accounts.

MR. HENSMAN: Why vote it?

MR. PARKER said that the Railway Department wished to show as large earnings as possible. The Commissioner

wished to show that his railway would pay.

MR. HENSMAN: It swells the Supplementary Estimates.

The item of £2,833 13s. 4d., for the *Postal and Telegraph Department*, was then put and passed.

*Land Titles Department*, Clerical assistance, £25:

MR. A. FORREST said he had very much pleasure in supporting the Commissioner of Titles. He considered that the work of the Titles Department was done in a manner that gave great satisfaction to the public. He was surprised, knowing the need there was for more help in that office, at the modesty of the demand.

MR. PARKER thought that in a confidential department such as this, no temporary clerk should be employed. The appointment should be a permanent one.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that the vote was asked for a clerk whom the Commissioner of Titles was training, with a view to his becoming a permanent clerk.

The item was passed.

*Medical Department*, £908 13s. 7d.:

MR. RANDELL called attention to the condition of the Lunatic Asylum, and said it was not a credit to the colony. Before the close of the session he should be prepared to move an address to His Excellency, praying him to carry out the recommendations of the Surgeon Superintendent as to the improvements that were necessary.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said this matter was receiving attention, but before alterations could be made in the Asylum so as to enable a separation of the inmates into classes, the Government would have to get the consent of the Municipal Council of Fremantle to the addition of a part of the park to the Asylum site.

MR. SCOTT pointed out the absolute necessity there was for the separation of the incurable patients from the curable. That there was no means of doing this at Fremantle Asylum was a crying evil.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that when he spoke of patients being separated into classes, he referred to the classes mentioned by

Dr. Scott, as well as to the paying and non-paying patients.

MR. HENSMAN thought that the Government should take immediate steps to carry out the proposed improvements.

The item £908 13s. 7d. for the Medical Department was then put and passed.

MR. A. FORREST moved that progress be reported and leave asked to sit again.

Agreed to.

Progress reported.

#### "HANSARD" REPORTS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) said that owing to the indisposition of the *Hansard* reporter the House was without an official reporter. The Speaker had drawn his attention to the matter, who had advised that the House should take immediate steps to make arrangements for reporting the proceedings of the Council. Hon. members should consider whether steps should be taken for the carrying on of the duty.

THE SPEAKER said that when he became aware of the absence of the *Hansard* reporter, through illness, he had seen the proprietor of the *West Australian*, who had kindly agreed to allow one of his reporters to carry on the duty, on condition that the reporter should be paid at the same rate as the *Hansard* reporter.

MR. SHOLL said he thought the House would be in favor of making some arrangement in the matter.

MR. RICHARDSON suggested that a second *Hansard* reporter should be appointed, in order to carry on the work when the *Hansard* reporter was unable to do so.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. A. Wright) moved that the Hon. the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, Sir T. C. Campbell, and Mr. Parker should be appointed a committee to make arrangements for the reporting of the proceedings of the House.

The motion was adopted.

The House adjourned at five o'clock, p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 20th July, 1887.

Pensions of Enrolled Guard—Life Policy Protection Bill: Report of Select Committee—Bunbury Railway Survey—Alteration of Council Chamber—Message (No. 16): Responsible Government and a Loan Bill—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Acts Amendment Bill: in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

#### THE ENROLLED GUARD.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. Sir M. Fraser) laid on the table correspondence with reference to the granting of pensions to the men who composed the lately disbanded Enrolled Guard, and moved that it be printed.

Agreed to.

#### LIFE POLICY PROTECTION BILL.

THE COMMISSIONER OF TITLES (Mr. J. C. H. James) brought up the report of the Select Committee on this bill, and the report was ordered to be printed.

#### THE BUNBURY RAILWAY SURVEY.

MR. VENN asked the Commissioner of Railways to lay upon the table a return showing the cost of survey of the Bunbury Railway, from the first survey made by Mr. May to the final survey made by the Works Department. There was a return bearing on this subject in the report of the Commissioner of Railways, but he hoped the return given that night would contain fuller information.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. A. Wright) laid the return asked for on the table.

#### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

MR. VENN, in accordance with notice, moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place a sufficient sum of money on the Estimates to defray cost of alterations to the Council Chamber, for convenience of the public, and to provide a reading room for members of the Council. The public, he said, who came to listen to the debates of the House, were placed on