

confer with the Government so as to have the necessary alterations made in the schedule of the bill.

MR. PIESSE: Owing to the lateness of the hour and the importance of the subject, I beg to move that progress be reported, and leave given to sit again on Monday night, 18th January.

Agreed to.

Progress reported.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at midnight.

Legislative Council,

Friday, 15th January, 1892.

Death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Sir T. Cockburn-Campbell, Bart.) took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): I regret, sir, to have to inform hon. members that this morning His Excellency the Administrator received a cablegram from the Secretary of State conveying the sad intelligence of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the grandson of our most gracious Majesty, and the elder son of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is only one short month since Her Majesty's subjects were delighted to hear the news of the engagement of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence. Now unfortunately the joyful intelligence then announced is destroyed by the sad news which we have received to-day. By the

newspapers which reached us a week ago we had the opportunity of seeing that the whole of the British Press were unanimous in congratulating Her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the engagement. Now, perhaps even before those papers have reached some of the capitals of the Australian colonies, this sad news has preceded them by wire. I feel sure that all through Her Majesty's dominions there can be but one feeling to-day—feelings of condolence with the Royal Family in the sad loss they have sustained, and also with the lady whose bright hopes for the future have been so suddenly crushed. The death of His Royal Highness is a loss to the whole of Her Majesty's subjects. He was, we were all aware, the next in succession after his Royal father to the throne of England. Now their Royal Highnesses have but one son left. I think it is but right and proper that the members of this House, on such an occasion as this, should show their feelings of condolence and respect for the members of the Royal Family by adjourning our sitting. I therefore move that the House do now adjourn.

THE HON. J. W. HACKETT: It is a melancholy satisfaction to me to be able to second the motion of my honorable friend. This is not a time for words, but I hope a further opportunity will be given us of giving expression to that sense of loyal grief and deep sympathy which is felt with our Gracious Majesty the Queen and her family in the affliction they are now undergoing. It must be the proudest of all consolations to Her Majesty and her family that this news has evoked the widest, most general and universal sorrow in all parts of her wide dominions. If anything could afford her consolation in the suffering she is undergoing, it is the knowledge of this fact. But, at the present time, I feel it would be wiser and in better taste for us to reserve any further expressions of feeling on this matter for an opportunity which, I have no doubt the hon. the Colonial Secretary will afford us. I have the most melancholy satisfaction in seconding the resolution.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): I may say that the Government has appointed Sunday next as a

day of general mourning throughout the colony. Full particulars of what is intended to be done will be seen in a special *Gazette*, which will be issued this afternoon.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 3.10 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 19th January, at 3 o'clock.

Legislative Assembly,

Friday, 15th January, 1892.

Death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

DEATH OF H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest): Mr. Speaker,—Sir, I regret to inform the House that His Excellency the Administrator has received an official telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, informing him of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The Government has already forwarded, through the Administrator, a cablegram to the Secretary of State, expressing, on behalf of the colony, its deep sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Royal Family in their great affliction. It is proposed to issue to-day a *Gazette Extraordinary* appointing Sunday, the 17th instant, to be observed as a day of general mourning in West Australia, and the *Gazette* notice further asks the officers of the Government and all other of Her Majesty's subjects to wear mourning in token of their sympathy with Her Majesty and the Royal Family in their affliction. It is proposed that the flags of all public buildings be hoisted

half-mast high from 8 a.m. to sunset on Sunday, and it is requested that the flags on board all the ships in the colony be similarly displayed that day. The Commandant of the local forces will be commanded to cause a salute of 21 guns to be fired on Sunday, the salute terminating at sunset. I have also informed the Mayors and Chairmen of all Municipalities of the colony, together with the Chairmen of the Roads Boards and magistrates and justices, of this sad occurrence. On Monday next I propose to ask the House to agree to a resolution or address to Her Majesty expressing on behalf of the House their sorrow and sympathy with Her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family in their sad affliction. As a mark of respect and sympathy with Her Majesty and the Royal Family, I ask leave to move that the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 2.45 p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Monday, 18th January, 1892.

Death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale—Public Market for Perth—Petition of Joseph Hillman—Northam Southern Cross (Yilgarn) Railway Bill: in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 7.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest): I rise, sir, to ask the House for leave, without notice, to move an humble address to Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and members of the Royal Family. We are