

home is remembered by many in this House and many outside of it—in fact, by everyone who had occasion to travel in that direction. No one could be more generous or more hospitable than the late Mr. Burges was in his own home. Speaking on behalf of the Government—and I think that I can speak on behalf of this House, and I am sure on behalf of the whole colony—I can truly say that we all deeply regret the death of our late friend. I am sure we all sympathise with his family and relatives in the bereavement that has fallen upon them. I do not think, sir, it is necessary for me to say anything more on this sad subject, except to express, on behalf of hon. members, and of the colony, our deep regret at the great loss which the Legislature and the people of the colony have sustained in the death of Mr. Burges. I beg to move, sir, as a token of respect to the memory of our late friend, that this House do adjourn.

MR. DEHAMEL: Sir, I am only too glad to second the motion proposed by the hon. the Premier to-night. I am myself but a new-comer in this colony, and yet I have experienced the hospitality of the late Mr. Burges. I feel sure I should be going over old ground if I were to attempt to add more to what the Premier has stated in reference to the great loss which this House and this Parliament and the country at large have sustained by the death of the hon. member of the Legislative Council, Mr. Burges. I think it is the smallest mark of respect that we can show to his memory, and to his relatives and friends, that we should adjourn on the occasion of this sad event.

Motion put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Legislative Council, *Tuesday, 8th August, 1893.*

Death of the Hon. T. Burges—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

DEATH OF THE HON. T. BURGES.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): Mr. President, since this House last met, we have learnt with, I am sure, extreme sorrow, of the death of one of our members—the Hon. T. Burges. In that gentleman, we all feel, the colony had a worthy settler—one who was highly respected and esteemed not only by those composing the community in which he principally resided, but also by those who knew him throughout the length and breadth of this land. His family came to Western Australia among the earliest settlers. They have resided here ever since, and have been identified with the progress of the colony. Mr. Thomas Burges has been connected with the politics of the country for some years past. He was a member of the old Legislative Council, and he has occupied a seat in this House since the new Constitution came into operation. When here we were all glad, I feel sure, to see him and to listen to him with respect, for he was a man of experience and ability—one who had the best interests of the colony at heart. Not only was he respected in his public life; but he was known to be a kind father and an affectionate husband, and therefore his loss will be the more widely felt. I am certain that I express not only the sentiments of hon. members of this House, but those of the people at large, when I say that his loss is one the colony could ill afford. As a mark of the esteem and respect in which the late hon. member was held, I now move that we shall refrain from proceeding to any business on this day, but do adjourn until to-morrow. I now move that this Council do adjourn until Wednesday, 9th August, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

THE HON. J. MORRISON seconded the motion.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 2:35 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 9th August, at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Tuesday, 8th August, 1893.

Message from His Excellency the Governor: Duties on Imported Live Stock—Stock Tax Bill: first reading—Use and cost of Government Steam Launch—Stock Tax upon Cattle entering the Colony by Land—Government Assistance to Children's Hospital, Perth—Homesteads Bill: second reading; Adjourned Debate—Midland Railway Company's Loan, Second Instalment—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 2:30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—DUTIES ON IMPORTED LIVE STOCK.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor, and the same was read:—

"In accordance with the provisions of 'Clause 67 of 'The Constitution Act, 1889,' the Governor recommends that 'towards raising the supply granted to 'Her Majesty, there shall, on and after 'the eighth day of August, 1893, be 'charged upon all stock imported into 'the colony the following duties:—

	per head.
"Horses	20 shillings.
"Cattle, including bullocks, steers, cows, and calves, but excepting bulls for stud purposes	30 shillings.
"Sheep, including wethers, ewes, and lambs, but excepting rams for stud purposes	2s. 6d.
"Pigs	4s.

"Government House, Perth, 8th August, 1893."

IN COMMITTEE.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) moved that there shall, on and after the eighth day of August, 1893, be charged upon all stock imported into the colony the following duties:—

Horses	per head.
Cattle, including bullocks, steers, cows, and calves, but excepting bulls for stud purposes	20 shillings.
Sheep, including wethers, ewes, and lambs, but excepting rams for stud purposes	30 shillings.
Pigs	2s. 6d.
	4s.

He said the procedure in proposing the present tax on imported live stock was the same as had always been taken, when proposing any tax, charge, or duty upon the people; the object being that, if the House passed this particular resolution, the new impost might come into operation from that day. The resolution would be followed up, as usual, by a Bill for giving validity to the resolution; and as the Bill would have to be passed through the usual stages, there would be opportunities for its full discussion. If, however, the Bill in its final shape differed in any detail from the resolution, any revenue which might be received by the Government from the new taxation, in the meantime, in excess of the amount authorised, would of course be refunded to the persons paying such excess. The present was a rather drastic measure; but there would be a clause in the Bill providing that the Government might remit any duty paid on stock imported for breeding purposes. By assenting to the present form of resolution, the committee would not necessarily commit itself to the Bill which would have to be introduced afterwards for giving validity to the resolution.

MR. TRAYLEN moved, as an amendment, that the words "eighth day of August" be struck out of the resolution, and that the words "first day of October" be inserted in lieu thereof. His reasons for taking this course were that some few years ago the Kimberley district was discovered to be good grazing country, and the Government of that day did much to induce persons to take up grazing leases there, by imposing certain conditions in favour of those taking up the land, though these