

sympathise with the Premier very much when he says he looked round on eight or nine gentlemen at the Federal Council meeting, and felt it was not a body that would command so much respect as a larger body would do. We have to look in the face the probable federation of Australia, and it will be wise for us to do whatever we can to bring that about, for if we hold aloof from that movement we shall find ourselves unable to make such good terms—if terms are to be made at all—in our own interest. I regret I was not able to attend the large federation gathering held a few weeks ago in another colony, and to which I received a kind invitation, hoping that I would in some measure represent this colony. I should have been glad to be able to say we are willing to take our position in the united Australia. Although the sending of five representatives instead of two from this colony to the Federal Council may cause an increase of expense, still our wisdom is to take the matter in hand now, and thus pave the way for federation when it does come.

Motion put and passed.

Ordered—That the foregoing address be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

KENSINGTON LANE CLOSURE BILL.

THIRD READING.

Bill read a third time, and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

ENGINE SPARKS FIRE PREVENTION BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Order of the Day for the consideration of the committee's report having been read,

MR. PIESSE moved that the words "by the Governor-in-Council," be inserted after the word "appointed," in the first line of the new clause.

Amendment put and passed, and the new clause, as amended, agreed to.

Report of committee, with further amendment of the Bill, adopted.

GRAND JURY ABOLITION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The amendment proposed by the Legislative Council in this Bill (*vide* p. 661,

ante) was agreed to without comment, and the Bill was reported as amended, and returned to the Legislative Council.

WINES, BEER, AND SPIRIT SALE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

This Bill having been recommitted on the previous day,

MR. SIMPSON asked leave to withdraw the amendment which he had moved on the previous day, for the insertion of a new clause, namely, "The provisions of this Act shall come into force on the 1st January, 1894." He said he now understood that provision would be made for the date of the coming into force of the Bill.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
The House resumed.

THIRD READING.

Bill read a third time, and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned at 9.15 p.m.

Legislative Council,

Monday, 11th September, 1893.

Legal Practitioners Bill: third reading—Constitution Act Amendment Bill: third reading—Gold Declaration Bill: third reading—Kensington Lane Closure Bill: first reading—Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 8 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.

THIRD READING.

This Bill was read a third time, and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

THE HON. J. MORRISON: I beg to move, as an amendment, that this Bill be read a third time this day six months. I do so for these reasons: Right through this Bill there has been a certain majority in this House, on all the divisions but one, against the main principles of it. When we found the other evening that the first sub-section, relating to the qualification of electors, in the second part of the Bill, was carried, I thought it was advisable to enter a protest against the whole measure, even if it only proved to be a formal one. I do not, however, move this amendment as a matter of form, but because I think that in doing so I am studying the best interests of the whole of the colonists of Western Australia, and I am quite sure that hon. members—perhaps they will not vote with me, although the division lists show who ought to—will agree with me that I am merely actuated in this amendment by a sense of duty. I make this motion because I consider that the present Bill does not really convey the liberal franchise it is reported it does, and because I think in practice it is likely to cause more discord and discontent among the colonists than it will give satisfaction. I am also of opinion that any extension of the franchise which is called liberal should be liberal, and should extend to every person in the colony—whether male or female—above the age of twenty-one years, and thus put an end to this constantly recurring and agitating question, and place it out of the range of practical politics. I am also of opinion that a change in the Constitution at the present time is neither judicious nor advisable in the interest of Western Australia. Had it been necessary, a direct reference should have been made to the various constituencies. The question of extending the franchise not having been taken into public account when the present Parliament was elected, I think, before we sanction it, the electors should be allowed to have a voice on the subject. For these reasons I beg to move that the Bill be read a third time this day six months.

There being no seconder, the amendment lapsed, and the Bill was read a third time and *passed*.

GOLD DECLARATION BILL.

THIRD READING.

The Bill was read a third time, and *passed*.

KENSINGTON LANE CLOSURE BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and was read a first time.

WINES, BEER, AND SPIRIT SALE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 8:20 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 12th September, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

 Legislative Assembly.

Monday, 11th September, 1893.

Road from Jandakot to the South-Western Railway—Leave of absence to Member for Plantagenet—Economy in the Erection of future Railway Stations, &c.—Legal Practitioners Bill: Legislative Council's amendments—Constitution Act Amendment Bill: Legislative Council's amendments—Gold Declaration Bill: first reading—Engine Sparks Fire Prevention Bill: third reading—Chattels Foreclosure Bill: second reading—Fremantle Water Supply Bill: in committee—Loan Bill, 1893: in committee—Homesteads Bill: further considered in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 7:30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

ROAD FROM JANDAKOT TO SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

MR. CANNING: In rising to move the adjournment of the House I wish to direct attention to the urgent necessity