

always support any measures that will be for the solidarity and dignity of the Britannic Empire, and that is really the work which is being done by the royal party at the present time, for by this visit to the various outlying parts they are unifying the Empire.

HON. S. J. HAYNES (South-East): I also have much pleasure in supporting the motion before the House. I am sure no State or Parliament is more loyal than the State or Parliament of Western Australia; and I am echoing the sentiments of all in saying no State will give their Royal Highnesses a more loyal reception than will the State of Western Australia and its Parliament.

HON. H. BRIGGS (West): I, too, have great pleasure in supporting the motion. I think there is a little informality in the words, for our Standing Orders say addresses to members of the Royal Family have to be transmitted through the Governor, and I think this Message states that the resolution is to be transmitted by the President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly.

THE PRESIDENT (Sir G. Shenton): The hon. member seems to forget that in the present case this is an Address to be presented to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, who will be here. Therefore, if the motion be passed, the Address will be presented by the President and the Speaker personally to their Royal Highnesses.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS: I would like to say that, in a matter of this sort, it is necessary to consult the Governor, who will see that the proper course is adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: The Speaker has already communicated with the Governor.

HON. G. RANDELL (Metropolitan): I have much pleasure in supporting the motion for the presentation of an Address to their Royal Highnesses, and I am sure every member of the House concurs in the opinion that it is a right and proper thing to show our loyalty.

Question put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS moved "That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 27th August." This

was in accordance with the understanding that Parliament should adjourn over the holidays, and that the recess would give the Government an opportunity of preparing the necessary Bills, as against the next meeting.

Question put and passed.

At 3:40, the PRESIDENT left the Chair.

At 3:55, Chair resumed.

The House, by resolution, adjourned at 4 o'clock until Tuesday, the 27th August.

Legislative Assembly,

Friday, 19th July, 1901.

Questions (4), Fremantle Harbour: Wharves Construction, (2) South Quay, (3) Ferry Service, (4) Police Force—Question: Railway Expenditure—Question: Military Contingents, Expenditure—Question: Immigration, Relatives in Eastern States—Loan Bill, third reading—Return ordered: Bunbury Harbour Expenditure—Return ordered: Collie Coal, Carriage—Motions, Postponement—Adjournment till 27th August.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 2:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

QUESTION—FREMANTLE HARBOUR, WHARVES CONSTRUCTION.

MR. A. J. DIAMOND asked the Minister for Works: Whether he can fix an appropriate date for the commencement of the construction of wharves on the North side of the Fremantle Inner Harbour.

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS replied:—That the work had already been commenced, and arrangements had been made for the supply of the necessary materials for the whole of it.

QUESTION—SOUTH QUAY, FREMANTLE.

MR. A. J. DIAMOND asked the Minister for Works: Whether it is the

intention of the Government to hurry on the building of the sheds on the South Quay at Fremantle, and whether an approximate date can be fixed for their completion.

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS replied:—The contract time for the completion of the three sheds now in hand is 25th November next, and it is expected that they will be finished well up to time. It is proposed to erect other three sheds later on.

QUESTION—FREMANTLE HARBOUR, FERRY SERVICE.

MR. A. J. DIAMOND asked the Minister for Works: Whether he is prepared to offer reasonable facilities for the running of a ferry across the inner harbour at Fremantle.

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS replied:—The matter is in the hands of the Chief Harbour Master, who has been instructed to call tenders for a ferry service. His attention will be called to the necessity of expediting the matter.

QUESTION—POLICE FORCE, FREMANTLE.

MR. J. J. HIGHAM asked the Premier: Whether it is intended to increase the Water Police Force at Fremantle to a strength adequate for the proper performance of their very important duties.

THE PREMIER replied:—Provision has been made on this year's Estimates for two extra Water Police Constables at Fremantle. The present strength is two officers and 12 constables, which, together with the two extra men referred to, is considered sufficient.

QUESTION—RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

MR. W. F. SAYER (for Hon. F. H. Piessé) asked the Colonial Treasurer: 1, How many weeks' services were included in the Railway Expenditure during the year ended 30th June last. 2, If more than 52 weeks, what is the amount of such expenditure for the weeks in excess.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER replied:—1. 53 weeks. 2. £14,030 15s. 5d.

QUESTION—MILITARY CONTINGENTS, EXPENDITURE.

MR. W. F. SAYER (for Hon. F. H. Piessé) asked the Colonial Treasurer:

How much of the expenditure for Defence for the year ended 30th June last was for expenditure in connection with Contingents sent to South Africa.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER replied:—£28,885 18s.

QUESTION—IMMIGRATION, RELATIVES IN EASTERN STATES.

MR. R. HASTIE asked the Colonial Treasurer: Whether the Minister has authority to devote a portion of the Immigration Vote to assist the introduction of the wives and families of residents from the Eastern States.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER replied:—Yes. It has been done in numerous instances; the amount of passage money being repaid by instalments, or as otherwise arranged.

LOAN BILL, £2,600,000.

THIRD READING.

On motion by the **COLONIAL TREASURER**, Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

RETURN—BUNBURY HARBOUR, EXPENDITURE.

MR. T. HAYWARD (Bunbury) moved:

That a return be laid upon the table of this House, giving details of the expenditure to 30th June last, in connection with the vote of £40,000 for Bunbury Harbour Works.

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS (Hon. W. Kingsmill): The Government had no objection whatever to the return asked for being laid upon the table.

Motion put and passed.

RETURN—COLLIE COAL, CARRIAGE.

MR. A. E. THOMAS (Dundas) moved:

That a return up to June 30th, 1901, be laid on the table of the House, showing the approximate loss or profit on the carriage of Collie coal over the Government railways, since the reduction in freight to 3d. per ton. per mile.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. J. J. Holmes): If the records of the department would supply the information required, the Government would have no objection to furnish it. They would do the best they could.

Question put and passed.

MOTIONS, POSTPONEMENT.

THE PREMIER (Hon. G. Leake): I will ask members not to proceed with the

other motions, as they are debatable matters, and I hope members will not press any of them.

Motions postponed.

At 2.43, the SPEAKER left the Chair until 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock, Chair resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE PREMIER moved "That the House at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday, the 27th August."

Question put and passed.

The House accordingly adjourned at three minutes past 4 o'clock until Tuesday, 27th August, 1901.

Legislative Council,

Tuesday, 27th August, 1901.

Obituary: W. Spencer; New Member—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the MINISTER FOR LANDS: 1, By-laws, Municipality of Coolgardie; 2, Minerals Lands Acts, Amendment of Regulation 12, Exemption on Prospecting Areas; 3, Land Act, Regulations for Residential Leases, By-laws for Protection of Caves; Annual Reports—4, Victoria Public Library; 5, Department of Agriculture; 6, Under Secretary for Lands; 7, Surveyor General; 8, Department of Public Works; 9, Department of Mines.

Ordered to lie on the table.

OBITUARY—W. SPENCER.

NEW MEMBER, SWEARING IN.

THE PRESIDENT: It is with great regret I have to inform hon. members

that during the adjournment of the Council I received a certificate from two members of this House, formally notifying to me the death of one of its members. I refer to the Hon. William Spencer, a member for the South-West Province. Mr. Spencer was a gentleman who was always held in the highest esteem by every member of this House; he was one who had been nearly the whole of his life in Western Australia, and who had proved not only a good citizen, but one of those who did much to build up the prosperity of the district in which he resided. Unfortunately, he was seized with illness; and, after a very few days, his death ensued. The last day before the adjournment, I received a letter from him in which he stated he had an attack of influenza, that he hoped it would last for a short time only, and that he should again be able to take his seat in this House. Unfortunately, that hope has not been realised, and he is dead. I am sure we shall be only following out what has been the custom in the past, if we show our appreciation of the services rendered to this Council by the late Mr. Spencer. On receipt of the notification of his death, according to the regulations under the Constitution Act I issued a new writ. By that writ, it appears that Mr. Ephraim Mayo Clarke has been elected as a member for the South-West Province in place of the late Mr. Spencer.

HON. E. M. CLARKE, having been introduced, took the oath required by law, and signed the roll.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. C. Sommers): I desire to supplement the President's remarks with regard to the respect in which the late Mr. Spencer was held by members of this House. In losing him we have lost a very old settler of this State; and I am sure every member deeply regrets his death. I think we should be wanting in respect to his memory were we to proceed farther with the business of the day; and I have much pleasure in moving that this House do now adjourn.

HON. J. W. HACKETT (South-West): I have more than pleasure in seconding this motion. Mr. Spencer, who we hoped would continue to give us his service for some years, has been unexpectedly snatched away in the midst of a career of great usefulness to the district in which