

House adopt a holiday of one day a month without restrictions. At the present time we have desirable men leaving the police force; they are seeking positions elsewhere. This is not right. I would like to see them living under conditions more pleasant. We should do all we can to encourage the best men to remain in the police force, and once we have them to keep them. I think it is a step in the right direction to give them one day a month—without any restriction at all I should like to see it, and as the member for Murchison (Mr. Holman) has said, with a view to eventually giving them two days a month. I think they are entitled to it and deserving of it. We should do more to promote the well-being of those men, with the object of making the police force what we should like to see it—a force composed of the best men obtainable. The position of constable ought to be one of the best position in the country. I say this, because it is in the interests of the inhabitants of the State that it should be so; and I should like the Leader of the Opposition to withdraw his amendment and the House to carry the motion without any discrimination or restriction whatever.

Amendment passed; the motion as amended agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

At three minutes past 10 o'clock, the House adjourned until the next day at noon.

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THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 12 o'clock noon.

PRAYERS.

QUESTION—WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

HON. J. W. WRIGHT asked the Colonial Secretary:

1. Total number of employees, both permanent and temporary, with total salaries payable for year 1905, employed in carrying out:—

- (a.) Railway and Tramway construction.
- (b.) Harbour and River improvements.
- (c.) Fremantle Harbour Works.
- (d.) Public Buildings.
- (e.) Water Supply.
- (f.) Sewerage.
- (g.) Coolgardie Water Supply, etc.
- (h.) Roads and bridges.
- (i.) Rabbit-proof fences.
- (j.) Boring for coal and water.
- (k.) Miscellaneous.

2. The total cost of administration for the year 1905 and number of people employed, with total salaries paid in expending the amount of £903,654 (for the year 1905), as shown in Public Works report.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY replied:

- (a.) Number of employees during 1905, 264.
- (b.) See statement attached hereto. The £903,654 referred to by the hon. member includes Loan Expenditure by other departments totalling £244,868. The total expenditure by this department was £603,959, and, in addition, the expenditure on salaries was £54,827. In the statement referred to, the expenditure on the various works specified by the

hon. member is shown and the salaries apportioned thereto. Salaries in connection with Coolgardie Water Scheme are not paid by this department.

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| (c.) Cost of Administration during 1905 was | ... £14,785 |
| Plus salaries | ... 54,827 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £69,612 |

Number of people employed (salaried officers), 264.

NOTE.—Cost of Administration includes allowances, travelling expenses, postages and telegrams, advertising, telephone rents, stationery, and incidental expenditure.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Statement showing expenditure and allocation of salaries over the various classes of Public Works during the calendar year 1905:—

| Class of Work. | Fund | Expenditure. | Salaries. | Total. | Grand Total. |
|---|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Railways and Tramways | Loan ... | £ 125,091 | £ 11,325 | £ 137,261 | 138,028 |
| | Revenue | 1,232 | 133 | 1,365 | |
| Harbour and River Improvements, including Fremantle Harbour Works | Loan ... | 60,841 | 4,072 | 64,913 | 75,309 |
| | Revenue | 9,885 | 1,011 | 10,300 | |
| Public Buildings... | Loan ... | 25,544 | 1,460 | 27,003 | 108,108 |
| | Revenue | 121,400 | 13,482 | 134,882 | |
| Water Supply | Loan ... | 14,075 | 1,149 | 15,223 | 30,571 |
| | Revenue | 15,048 | 1,406 | 16,454 | |
| Sewerage | Loan ... | 2,900 | 2,015 | 4,915 | 4,915 |
| | Revenue | ... | ... | ... | |
| Coolgardie Water Supply | Loan ... | 724 | 58 | 782 | 782 |
| | Revenue | ... | ... | ... | |
| Roads and Bridges | Loan ... | ... | 31 | 31 | 114,641 |
| | Revenue | 103,402 | 11,148 | 114,610 | |
| Rabbit-proof Fence | Loan ... | 107,221 | 5,403 | 112,627 | 112,627 |
| | Revenue | ... | ... | ... | |
| Miscellaneous | Loan ... | ... | ... | ... | 16,210 |
| | Revenue | 14,638 | 1,577 | 16,210 | |
| Total | ... | £ 603,669 | 54,827 | 658,780 | 658,780 |

BILL—DIVIDEND DUTY ACT AMENDMENT.

IN COMMITTEE, ETC.

Message received from the Assembly intimating that the amendment requested by the Council had been made in the Bill.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported; the report adopted.

Read a third time, and *passed*.

BILL—CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT.

Read a third time, and *passed*.

BILL—MINES REGULATION.

ASSEMBLY'S MESSAGE.

The Assembly's reasons for disagreeing to three amendments made by the Council were now considered in Committee.

No. 1—Clause 14, strike out the words "or their representative, who may be the secretary of the miners' union":

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved, "That the amendment be not insisted on." The Bill might not be all members desired, but it would be a useful measure, and on account of its importance we should waive the amendment.

HON. J. T. GLOWREY: The amendment was necessary. The contents of the record book could be ascertained from the inspector of mines. Why should the secretary of the union be mentioned in our statute-book, while there was no mention of the mine managers' association or the Chamber of Mines?

HON. R. D. MCKENZIE: The reason given by the Assembly, that workmen who inspected the record book might be victimised by the management, was absurd. Surely mine managers were above such a suspicion.

Question negatived, the amendment insisted on.

No. 2—Clause 16, strike out all words from the commencement to the word "cost," in line 4, and insert: "the majority of persons employed in any mine may at their own cost, once every month or oftener if they think fit, appoint two of their number or any two practical miners, not being mining engineers, to inspect the mine":

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved, "That the amendment be not insisted on." There might be good reason for insisting on the amendment; but if we insisted on all our amendments, there was grave doubt whether the Bill would become law.

HON. J. T. GLOWREY: The amendment should be insisted on. This was a matter for the department and its inspectors. If the inspectors were insufficient, why not appoint more? The amendment did not prevent the men from appointing two of their own number

nspect; but there was strong objec-
to appointing inspectors who would
beyond control of the Mines Depart-
it.
Question negatived, the amendment
sted on.

No. 3—Clause 33, Subclause 49, strike
"thirty" in line 3, and insert
"forty":

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
red "That the amendment be not in-
ed on." The difference between 30
40 feet in a rise was not great. The
ing Commission had recommended 20
as a maximum.

HON. J. T. GLOWREY: The height
rises was already provided for in
ulation 16, which for all high rises
scribed the box system.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: No.
at the hon. member was reading was
a regulation, but simply a draft of
ulations proposed to be made under

Bill. To decrease the height of
s would inflict no hardship on the
e-owner, and would materially im-
ve the ventilation, an important matter
he deep mines at Kalgoorlie.

Question passed, the amendment not
sted on.

Resolutions reported; the report
pted.

Reasons for insisting on two of the
ndments were drawn up and adopted,
a message accordingly returned to
Assembly.

PERTH RAILWAY CROSSING
ACT AMENDMENT.

BEAUFORT STREET BRIDGE.

Received from the Legislative Assem-
and read a first time.

SECOND READING.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon.
J. Connolly) in moving the second
ing said: I stated yesterday that no
Bills would be brought down to the
se to-day, and I wish to carry out
promise if members think it desir-

This is certainly a new Bill,
h has not been before the House
iously; but it is really only a formal
sure. As members are aware, we
ed in the Loan Estimates an amount

for the construction of a new bridge over
Beaufort Street. Members are also
aware that trams pass over the Beaufort
Street bridge, but the position of the
tramway company in regard to the con-
struction of the bridge is not at all
clearly defined. It is not clearly defined
whether the Railway Department can
insist on the tramway company removing
their rails to the temporary bridge that
will be erected. This Bill simply defines
the position of the Railway Department
and the tramway company. It is set out
in the Bill that there will be a temporary
bridge erected during the construction of
the railway bridge, and that the tram-
way company shall, at their own expense,
remove their rails to the temporary
bridge and replace them on the per-
manent bridge when it is finished. It
is provided that no damages shall lie
against the Government for this action.
It is an open question now, and
there might be some trouble about
it. So far as I am aware, the com-
pany do not object to this, and I
do not know if they are likely to, even if
the Bill were not passed, raise the
question of damages. It was, however,
thought well that an enabling Bill should
be put through. If any member is dis-
satisfied, I will not ask the House to
carry the second reading, but it is a
formal matter and it is necessary to pass
the measure in the interests of the
country.

HON. W. T. LOTON: Have the plans
for the new bridge been decided on?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: I
do not think the final plans have been
decided on. I have seen some plans but
they are not final.

Question passed.

Bill read a second time.

IN COMMITTEE, ETC.

Clause 1—agreed to.

Clause 2—Power to re-erect Beaufort
Street bridge:

HON. C. SOMMERS: It was brought
under his notice that the Railway Depart-
ment intended to lower the line by some-
thing like 2ft. to enable a grade of
sufficient length to rise up from Barrack-
Street to the bridge itself. This should
not be entertained by the Government,
because once we lowered the line by 2ft.,
we would not know where the end would

come, and the cost of the work would be enormous. On account of the excavations necessary, and the alteration necessary in the Perth yard and the alterations to the building already erected, he hoped more publicity would be given to the plans, and that more information would be available before the work was taken in hand.

HON. M. L. MOSS: The point raised was important, but the power was in the hands of the Government. Under Section 17 of the Railway Act, if the Minister declined to give permission, the work could not be done. However, the Colonial Secretary might take notice of the views of the House in this matter, and bring them under the consideration of the Minister for Railways. A new work of this importance should not be undertaken until Parliamentary sanction was obtained, or the Minister was satisfied that the expenditure was necessary.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: This matter would certainly be brought under the notice of the Minister for Railways in whose hands it lay entirely; the Commissioner could not spend money until the Minister's approval was obtained. One could not realise that the statement made by Mr. Sommers was correct, because one would readily recognise the enormous expense attached to lowering the line by 2ft. It would be almost as much as lowering the line 20 feet. All the platforms would be 2ft. too high. He did not think the idea was practicable. [**HON. W. T. LORON:** It could not be done.] The hon. member must be mistaken. If there is to be any alteration it cannot be that. However, he thanked the member for mentioning the fact, and would bring it under the notice of the Minister for Railways to see that nothing of the kind was carried out unless there was good reason for it.

HON. T. F. O. BRIMAGE: Could the Colonial Secretary say what would be the approximate cost?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: No; but the information was before members a few days ago on the Loan Estimates.

Clause put and passed.

Clauses 3, 4, 5—agreed to.

Title—agreed to.

Bill reported without amendment; the report adopted.

Read a third time, and passed.

COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: have now finished our labours for session. I understand there may be a formal Message from the Assent notifying their agreement to the Criminal Code Bill. That can be taken at 6 o'clock before His Excellency arrives. It is my pleasing duty now at the close of the session—and it is pleasing to me in more ways than one to say this in the closing hours of the session, I suppose every member echoes that sentiment—and my privilege to congratulate you, Mr. President, on the able and efficient way in which you have carried out your duties as President of the House, for this is the first session during which you have presided over the House. I thank you on behalf of the members, and more particularly on my own behalf, because this also was my session as Leader of the House, and I am particularly grateful to you for the kindness and courtesy extended to me in the little shortcomings I may have exhibited in procedure and in a knowledge at times perhaps, of the Standing Orders. I would also to express my thanks to Mr. Kimball, the Chairman of Committees. I feel he has carried out his duties well and efficiently. I thank him on behalf of the members, and I thank him personally for the courtesy and help he was always ready to offer to me as Chairman of Committees while I have been occupying that position as Leader of the Legislative Council. I thank members for their attendance, and also for the kind treatment they have always seemed to deal to me. When I say that I do not want members to think that now the session is over I am giving them soft soap. I know at times we have had very animated discussions, and perhaps I and members opposed to me have felt a little hot in some moments, but I ask members to believe me that I am convinced that I opposed me at the time not out of personal feeling, but because they could not agree altogether with the measures brought before them. I recognise at the same time, this being my first session as was rather a trying position in this respect that I had to bring down some very contentious measures indeed, and stand by myself, rather young and inexperienced, I confess I came in for

fair amount of criticism. I do not suppose I got more than I had a right to expect. However, I am extremely thankful to members for the way they have seen fit to treat me. I have also to thank, on behalf of the House and on my own behalf, the Clerk of Parliament, the Usher of the Black Rod, and the other officers, who have had a very long and trying time this session. We have received every possible assistance from these officers. Mr. President, allow me to wish you and members of the House the compliments of the season and many returns of the same.

HON. G. RANDELL: I have much pleasure in seconding the remarks of the member. It is always pleasurable to the House to have in the Chair one who sympathises with members from the oldest to the youngest. Some of us are young and inexperienced, therefore we require the guidance and control of the President. Considering this is the first session the President has occupied that high position we may congratulate ourselves on the consideration and help to the Government and to the House. I do not know if the member included the officers of the House. [The COLONIAL SECRETARY: Yes.] I also desire to heartily support that. We have received every consideration and help from the officers of the House who are more or less experienced in the management of the business. I would also like to say that I think the Chairman of Committees has occupied his position as to the manner born. He has been prompt and energetic, sometimes a little too prompt, for dull individuals like myself cannot always follow the run of business, and the hon. member has been so rapid; he knows that there are certain clauses to which there will be no contention, and he has carried them. We can congratulate ourselves on the occupants of the President's Chair and the Chairmanship of Committees, and the officers we have in this House.

HON. M. L. MOSS: I do not think there is any possibility of a division on this question. Probably it is safe for me to get up and confirm the statements that members have made, particularly as I have been designated throughout the session as a kind of ring-leader against the Government. I

assure the Colonial Secretary, I do not know if he thinks it or not, but I can assure him I have been actuated by no desire to give him more trouble than was absolutely necessary. But I think it has been on the whole a matter of use to the State and Parliament generally to obtain as much information as we have acquired by opposition to the Government measures and interrogations of the hon. gentleman, and to ascertain exactly what the Government were prepared to do especially in connection with their loan and taxation measures. I am glad the Minister thinks it was the desire of Parliament to assist him. I can well understand, having held an honorary Ministerial position in the House, that the position of leader is not altogether a bed of roses. He is in a difficult position in this respect, that while in another place there are five or six Ministers to divide the business of the House, the hon. gentleman leading this House is obliged to have a mass of information promptly at his disposal to deal with the questions and to a large extent—although he has associated with him Mr. Piesse—the responsibility rests on him in connection with the various measures submitted for consideration. May I be permitted to say with regard to yourself, having sat in the Chamber for a considerable period that the position of President has lost none of its lustre since you assumed the Chair. I am particularly proud to make that statement in view of the fact that it was the member chosen to move you formally into the Chair, and as you are my colleague in the representation of the West Province, it is a source of gratification to us to know that you have carried out your duties during the session in an admirable manner. It perhaps may be unfair to refer particularly to any member of the parliamentary staff. Of course the Clerk has at all times been an excellent officer in the execution of his duties, but I think Parliament is doubly grateful to the President in the recommendation he made in the appointment of the Usher of the Black Rod. I speak with some knowledge and experience of the matter. The new officer is an admirable addition to the staff, and as time goes on every member sitting around the benches will come to see the work he performs in this depart-

ment. I join with the other members who have spoken in wishing you the compliments of the approaching season.

THE PRESIDENT: Hon. members, I thank Mr. Connolly and Mr. Randell for evidently voicing the opinion of hon. members in thanking me for my poor services. I feel highly honoured by your appreciation. The President is nothing in himself: he is simply a servant of the House. If I have served you in any way, it has been my aim to carry out the Standing Orders to the best of my ability. Experience and length of years may make me more expert, but they cannot implant in me a stronger sense of the responsibility and the impartiality existing in my mind at the present time. I thank the Leader of the House and the Honorary Minister for much kindness. I have received kindness on all hands. I thank the officials of the House, the Clerk of Parliament and the Usher of the Black Rod, and I am pleased that Mr. Moss made those remarks, because my recommendation of the appointment was spoken of somewhat evilly by people who had nothing whatever to do with it and whom the matter did not concern in the least. I am pleased by your recognition of the fact that my recommendation has been abundantly justified. (**MEMBERS:** Hear, hear.) Right throughout the House, from the highest official to the messengers who attend to our every want, to the youths who are employed, I have noticed a willingness to serve that is most gratifying. I thank you, sir, as Leader of the House, and I thank you all, hon. gentlemen, for your good will. I can only return the compliment in wishing that you may have a happy season approaching.

HON. G. RANDELL (Metropolitan): I wish to propose a vote of thanks to the Leader of the House. The hon. gentleman in speaking just now said that we had had animated debates. I am very glad that has been so, although sometimes they have not been too pleasant to the gentleman occupying his position. Some of us have had to submit to it, and perhaps to a greater degree. But it is an evidence of life in the Chamber, that we have opinions of our own and that we deem it our duty to the country to express them. It is always a grief to me to differ from anyone, but I am obliged

to do so. I congratulate the Leader of the House on the successful way in which he has carried out his duties during his first session. He is inexperienced, but that limitation will disappear with years, and I hope he will long occupy the position he now holds. The House I am sure desires to assist the hon. gentleman, and we have seen this manifested on many occasions. Although sometimes, perhaps, he has been a little disconcerted, yet he has recovered from that, and as we have seen this afternoon he is quite willing to realise we have all been actuated by a proper motive, that of doing what is best in the interests of the country, although we have differed in our opinions with regard to the measures introduced. I congratulate the hon. gentleman upon his successful occupancy of the office which he has filled in this House. I also desire to add my testimony to the assistance which Mr. Piesse has been to him when opportunities offered, and I repeat what was expressed just now, most heartily wishing the compliments of the season to both Ministers.

HON. J. W. LANGSFORD (Metropolitan-Suburban): I should like to add my testimony to the kindly words spoken by Mr. Randell in regard to the Leadership of the House by the Colonial Secretary. There is no doubt the hon. gentleman has had a very difficult position to fill, and I think that the season of good fellowship which is approaching will enable us to leave the Chamber with the kindest feelings towards him. I am sure we all must have marvelled at the restraint which my friend the hon. Minister has exercised over himself during the session. His removal from this back bench to the front bench has had an influence over him; whether for good or evil I am not prepared to say at this moment; but I know that in the work of the country his influence has been felt, and in regard to both hon. gentlemen I support the words of my friend Mr. Randell.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. D. Connolly): I am deeply gratified by the kind words which have been spoken by Mr. Randell and Mr. Langsford. I do not know that I am at all deserving of them. I admit that I have had a good deal to do perhaps, but at the same time I thought I had had no more to do than anyone else who has been

here ; therefore, I do not know that I have had any reason to complain. I certainly do not in the least regret any criticism that has taken place; in fact, at the present moment I feel rather proud of it, because if anything it adds to my position in this way, that at any rate people cannot say "You have had only to deal with a sleepy Chamber," for, on the contrary, we have had a real live Chamber, and have come through the ordeal all right. I again thank members. I have been accused, and rightly so, of being rather fiery at times. I suppose that is accounted for by the Irish blood which flows in my veins; and if during the heat of debate I have unwittingly offended any member, I ask forgiveness. I certainly did not take anything personally in the criticism by members.

THE PRESIDENT: I was under the impression that there would be a motion for a vote of thanks to the Chairman of Committees; otherwise I should not have omitted him in my recognition of help, and I want to fill up that omission by saying what great assistance the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Kingsmill, has been, and how highly I appreciate, and how highly the House appreciates, the value of his services. (MEMBERS: Hear, hear.) If there is to be no separate vote of thanks, I ask that this be added to my former remarks.

THE HONORARY MINISTER (Hon. C. A. Piessé): I think it very kind indeed of Mr. Raudell and Mr. Langsford to speak as they have done with regard to myself, and I desire to thank them. I will be very brief because I know that time is precious. Mr. Langsford has said that I have been somewhat silent; in fact, I have been accused of being too silent. If I have been too silent, I trust the House will forgive me. Anyhow I am willing to admit it is just as well to think deeply, and in my position I have thought more deeply I suppose than I have done at any other time whilst I have been in this honourable House, and this is my 14th year. I have endeavoured on every occasion to do my duty. I wish to say with regard to the Council as at present constituted, that it is indeed a pleasing thing to me to know that on every occasion on which we have terminated the session, we have termin-

ated it with the strongest good fellowship and friendly feeling towards each other. I thank those members heartily for the kind manner in which they have spoken in my praise.

At nine minutes past 1 o'clock, the **PRESIDENT** left the Chair.

At 2-57, Chair resumed.

ASSENT TO BILLS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR entered the Chamber at 3 o'clock, and commanded the attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly, who accordingly arrived with their Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER presented the Appropriation Bill, to which His Excellency assented.

HIS EXCELLENCY also gave assent to the following Bills, in addition to Bills assented to previously:—

16. "An Act to confirm certain Expenditure for the Years ended 30th June, 1902, '3, '4, '5, '6."

17. "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Agricultural Bank."

18. "An Act to amend the Bread Act, 1903."

19. "An Act to authorise the raising of a sum of Two million four hundred and sixty-seven thousand Pounds by Loan for the construction of certain Public Works and for other purposes."

20. "An Act to enable the purpose of certain Permanent Reserves to be changed."

21. "An Act to authorise the construction of a Railway from Coolgardie to Norseman."

22. "An Act to authorise the construction of a Railway from Hopetoun to Ravensthorpe."

23. "An Act to authorise the construction of a Railway from Donnybrook via Preston Valley to Upper Blackwood."

24. "An Act to authorise the construction of a Railway from Greenhills to Quairading."

25. "An Act to authorise the construction of a Railway from Jandakot to Armadale."

26. "An Act to amend the Health Act, 1898."

27. "An Act for the Closing of portions of certain Roads and Streets."

28. "An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of Evidence."

29. "An Act to farther amend the Land Act, 1898."

30. "An Act to amend the Dividend Duty Act, 1902."

31. "An Act to amend the Criminal Code."

32. "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Municipalities."

33. "An Act to amend the Boat Licensing Act, 1878."

34. "An Act to amend the Perth Railway Crossing Improvement Act, 1892."

35. "An Act to amend the Fremantle Harbour Trust Act, 1902."

36. "An Act to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Mines."

PROROGATION.

HIS EXCELLENCY, in closing the session of Parliament, was pleased to speak as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I am pleased, at the conclusion of this the Second Session of the Sixth Parliament of Western Australia, to be able to release you from your arduous labours, which must have proved particularly severe upon Honourable Members towards the end of the Session.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you, in the name of His Majesty, for the liberal supplies that you have been pleased to vote on behalf of the Public Service.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

The legislation which you have passed during the Session in connection with the amendment of our Land and Mining Laws, together with the liberalisation of the Agricultural and Savings Banks, and the measures for the construction of Railways to open up our Auriferous and Agricultural Areas will, I feel sure, be the means of attracting considerable

attention to this portion of the Empire, and it is hoped will tend to the increase of population, and the farther development of the Agricultural and Mining Industries of the State.

My Advisers are of opinion that the other measures which have engaged your attention will be of great value, and I venture to hope that the time occupied by Honourable Members in closely discussing many questions of importance will prove to be for the betterment of the condition of the people of Western Australia.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for approving of the Financial Proposals as contained in the Loan Bill, covering the construction of Railways and other Public Works, which should do much to assist our Industries and enhance the prosperity of the various portions of this vast territory.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

My Advisers regret exceedingly that your Honourable House did not see fit to pass the Land Tax Assessment Bill, as they are convinced that it is absolutely necessary that additional revenue should be obtained through this medium of Taxation.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

As my Advisers are of opinion that farther consideration should be given to the question of Taxation at as early a date as possible, it has been deemed advisable to hold another Session in the early part of next year, and I therefore now prorogue this Parliament to Friday, the first day of February, 1907.

The session then closed.