

examine a man in charge of a Holman hoist and the engine-driver refused to pass the man the position of the engine-driver was jeopardised.

The MINISTER: Inquiry would be made into this matter. He wished to feel satisfied of the statements given to him that certificated engine-drivers, who were asked to give a certificate to men working Holman hoists, had refused. He understood these men were declining to act in the capacity of examiners. The result was that we would not get men to use the Holman hoists. If the member for Ivanhoe and the Leader of the Opposition would go to Kalgoorlie with him (the Minister), we could go round and inquire into both sides of the question. If a first-class certificated engine-driver refused to give a certificate, he (the Minister) would amend the regulations and take the certificate from the engine-driver altogether. It might be dangerous to allow persons under the present conditions to use the hoists at a great depth, but no action would be taken at present. He wished a good limit of safety.

Mr. BATH: It was just as dangerous to use a Holman hoist to raise men as the best engine in the world.

Item—Incidental, including postage, stationery, advertising, equipment, instruments, travelling, shoeing, forage, printing, etc. £2,250:

Mr. ANGWIN: A motor car was included in this item. Some time ago the Government had a motor and had difficulty in getting rid of it.

The MINISTER: This would be the third motor the department had.

Mr. ANGWIN: What was done with them? On the goldfields tracks one might take a motor bicycle but not a motor car.

The MINISTER: The introduction of these motor cars was a great saving to the department. For a long time he tried to urge on the machinery department the advisability of having motor cars, but the machinery officers would not take them. He (the Minister) sent one to the inspector of mines at Kalgoorlie and there were two there now.

Mr. Hudson had told him of the marvellous work done with these motors. They could run to Bulong in the morning and be back at mid-day. One day an accident occurred at Burbanks; the inspector left at half-past two and although the train left at the same time the motor car arrived at Burbanks before the train. If this motor car was a success he would get more.

Other items agreed to; vote put and passed.

This concluded the votes for the Mines Department.

Progress reported, and leave given to sit again.

BILL—WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT.

Received from the Legislative Council, and read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at ten minutes to 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, until the afternoon.

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

Prayers.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion by the *Hon. S. J. Haynes* farther leave of absence for three con-

secutive sittings granted to the Hon. C. A. Piesse, on the ground of urgent private business.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 4.42 o'clock, until the next Tuesday.

BILL—MARRIAGE ACT AMENDMENT.

In Committee.

Bill passed through Committee without debate, reported without amendment, report adopted.

BILL—STATE CHILDREN.

Select Committee's Report.

Hon. W. KINGSMILL: As the report of the select committee accompanied by the evidence had just been laid before members, the Leader of the House might agree to postpone the consideration of this order until to-morrow.

The Colonial Secretary: The House would not meet till Tuesday next.

Hon. W. KINGSMILL: In speaking to the committee's report, he desired to refer to the evidence, but had not an opportunity of perusing it.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: It would be better not to postpone the order, because the committee's report was very brief and the evidence was practically summarised in the report. The Bill was one the Government were anxious to have passed, and this was why he had not cared for referring the measure to a select committee. There was really no farther business to go on with to-day, because owing to the absence of a number of country members there was an understanding that the Health Bill would not be farther considered in Committee until Tuesday next.

Hon. J. W. LANGSFORD: The report of the select committee justified the postponement, because evidently there was a conflict of opinion among members of the select committee on certain matters, which conflict was probably based on the evidence submitted to the committee. He had not had time to peruse the evidence or even to look at the first page. He moved—

That the order be postponed.

Motion passed, the order postponed.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

QUESTION—AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Mr. TAYLOR (without notice) asked the Treasurer: Can he tell the House when the Auditor General's report will be laid on the table?

The TREASURER replied: The report is in the hands of the Printer. I hope to have it ready within a few weeks.

QUESTION—CAVES AND FLORA RESERVES BOARD.

Mr. TAYLOR (for Mr. T. L. Brown) asked the Minister for Mines: 1, Has a board been appointed to manage the Sussex Caves and Flora Reserves? 2, If so, what are the names of the members of the board? 3, Will the board receive any financial assistance from the Government? 4, If so, what will be the nature of such assistance and to what extent? 5, Does the Government receive any rev-