

Legislature, that is, that the House should adjourn during the period of the Conference. I hope to-morrow to be able to give hon. members reasons why I think the State should be represented at the Conference.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 1.13 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the Colonial Secretary: 1, Government Labour Bureau, annual report; 2, University Endowment Trustees, financial statement; 3, Fremantle Public Hospital, rules and regulations; 4, Boat Licensing Act, 1878, Port of Onslow; 5, Jetties Regulation Act, Derby Jetty; 6, Port Regulations, amendment; 7, Fire Brigades Board, abstract of receipts and payments; 8, Audit Act, 1904, Orders in Council; 9, Department of Mines, report for 1908.

COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION.

On motions by the Colonial Secretary, Sessional Committees were appointed as follow:—

Standing Orders Committee:—The President, the Chairman of Committees, Hon. M. L. Moss, Hon. G. Randell, and the mover.

Printing Committee:—The President, Hon. G. Randell, and the mover.

Library Committee:—The President, Hon. W. Kingsmill, and Hon. Dr. Hackett.

House Committee:—The President, Hon. R. F. Sholl, Hon. R. D. McKenzie, Hon. C. Sommers, and Hon. A. G. Jenkins.

BILL — SUPPLY, £979,045.

All Stages.

Received from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time.

Standing Orders Suspension.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. D. Connolly) moved—

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as may be necessary to pass the Bill through its remaining stages.

The PRESIDENT: I have to state there is an absolute majority of the Council present.

Question put and passed; the Standing Orders suspended accordingly.

Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. D. Connolly), in moving the second reading, said: This Bill needs no explanation, inasmuch as it is an ordinary Bill which has always to be brought down in order to pass supplies to meet the necessary payments for salaries and also any other moneys owing in connection with contracts, or anything of that kind, incurred by the Government. It is usual to bring down this measure—in fact it is unavoidable, because naturally the Estimates cannot be prepared until after the close of the financial year, which is really the 10th July. This amount is simply meant to carry on the services of the State for a little over two months, about 10 weeks. It is anticipated that before this supply is exhausted, the Estimates will be on the Table of the House and there will be no need for further supply. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

In Committee, etc.

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

Read a third time and *passed*.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

Second Day.

Order of the Day for resumption of debate on the Address-in-Reply, read.

On motion by Hon. G. Randell, debate further adjourned.

House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTIONS (2)—PREFERENCE TO IMMIGRANTS.

Mr. DAGLISH asked the Minister for Railways: 1, How many assisted immigrants to this State have been engaged at the Midland Junction workshops during the past six months? 2, Why such persons received preference over applicants of long standing citizenship in the State?

The MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS replied: 1. During the last six months 239 men have been engaged at the Midland Junction workshops. In 15 cases their papers showed that they were recent

arrivals from Great Britain; 12 of them are still employed. The department does not know whether they are assisted immigrants or not. 2, No preference was shown to the 15 men referred to in answer No. 1. Their applications were dealt with in the usual way. I have not been able in the short time at my disposal to make sufficient enquiries to answer the question as fully as I would like, but I will have the information supplied to the hon. member.

Mr. DAGLISH: I should like, if I may say it, that the Minister should give preference to persons who have been resident here for years.

The MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS: All things being equal most decidedly we would do so. I fancy we have recently had to put on a large number of men in connection with new works in locomotive repairing, and it is possible that it happened through this, but I promise the hon. member that I will make further inquiries.

Mr. DAGLISH asked the Premier: 1, What preference of employment immigrants from England receive over local workers at the Labour Bureau? 2, Why is such preference given? 3, Upon whose instructions?

The PREMIER replied: No preference is given.

QUESTION—TANAMI GOLDFIELD, ROUTE.

Mr. ANGWIN (*without notice*) asked the Minister for Mines: Will the Minister take into consideration the advisability of opening up a route for traffic between the port of Broome and the lately discovered goldfield at Tanami, close to the boundary of this State, as such a route will probably make a considerable saving in time and expense to parties proceeding to this field, and will in addition result in the opening up of Western Australian territory.

The MINISTER FOR MINES replied: In connection with the reported discovery of gold at Tanama, since the information was wired to us, I gave instructions to the geological officer travelling with the Canning expedition that he