

throughout the whole State to the sorrowing widow and family. There is no doubt the late Mr. Piesse has left a mark by reason of the great achievements which he undertook, and, as has been stated by Mr. Cullen, he has also left behind him a good name, of which his family may well be proud. I need say no more, except to endorse every word which has been spoken and to add that everyone will regret the loss which the State has sustained.

Hon. E. M. CLARKE (South-West): I have only to say that everyone who knew the late Mr. Piesse looked upon him as one of nature's gentlemen. He was natural, and he was genuine, and he had all the qualities that went to make a good and useful citizen. There are really no words which can express one's feelings when one recognises that, as in this case, the loss is as great to the State as it is to the late gentleman's family. I sat alongside the late Mr. Piesse for a long time, and, as one hon. member has stated, he was a man with whom you could not come into contact without feeling you were drawn towards him. In endorsing everything that has been said, I can only repeat that this House and the country have lost one of nature's white gentlemen.

Question passed; members standing.

Reply to Governor's Letter of Sympathy.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew) moved—

That the President be requested, on behalf of this House, to thank His Excellency the Governor for his kind letter of sympathy on the death of the Hon. C. A. Piesse.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

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OBITUARY—HON. C. A. PIESSE, M.L.C.

The PREMIER (Hon. J. Scaddan): It is with extreme regret that I submit the following motion:—

That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the public services rendered to the State by the Hon. Charles A. Piesse, and to express its deepest sympathy with his family in the irreparable loss they have sustained by his decease, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward the foregoing resolution to the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

In submitting this motion, may I explain that this is the second occasion during the last two years on which we have had the painful duty of passing a similar motion affecting the one family. It is just two years this month since the Attorney General, representing me in my absence, submitted a motion on the loss of a former valued member of this Chamber in the person of the Hon. F. H. Piesse, C.M.G., a brother to Mr. Charles Austin Piesse whose loss to another Chamber we now regret. Both of these gentlemen had distinguished careers in Western Australia, and took prominent positions in the public life of the State. Both of them held positions in connection with roads boards and municipalities, and eventually became members of either one or other branch of the Legislature. Mr. Charles A. Piesse was born in the year 1855 at Northam, and it is a remarkable coincidence, just two years after his elder brother, who died two years before him. Within something like two months, their sojourns on this earth were alike. Mr. Charles A. Piesse, like his brother, was

first engaged in the pearling industry at Shark Bay, in 1872 and 1873. Afterwards he settled down to agricultural pursuits, although at the outset he did not push his business in this direction to a great extent, but joined with his brother, the late Hon. F. H. Piesse, in opening business at Williams, and afterwards extending that business to Perth, Katanning, and Wagin. When he severed his connection with that firm, he carried on the business they had established at Wagin, and then did further work in connection with his agricultural properties, and to-day it may be claimed that the Arthur River estate, which is managed by his sons, is one of the best improved properties in that part of the State. He was largely instrumental, by his consistent advocacy of the purchase by the Government of the Great Southern railway lands, in the successful development of that part of the State, and to-day there are many thriving towns which are a standing and lasting evidence to the foresight and persistent advocacy of the late C. A. Piesse, and his brother, F. H. Piesse, to get that particular part of the country properly attended to. May I also express on behalf of this side of the House, and I think on behalf of hon. members generally, our sincere sympathy with his two brothers, who are still members of this Chamber, in their very sad loss. After all, it must be remembered that we can ill-afford to lose men with the experience of the late Hon. C. A. Piesse. Notwithstanding that we may sometimes disagree with regard to our political beliefs, people born in this State as they were, at the time when our population just exceeded 12,000, and who have been able to keep in touch with the great developments which the State has made until to-day, when we have a population of 324,000, have gained such wide experience, due largely to the prominent parts which they have taken in public affairs, that we can ill-afford to lose them. But we must give way to the will of the Almighty, and at least on such an occasion as this express our appreciation of the services they have rendered in their

public and private capacities. It is with deep regret that I submit the motion which I have read for the consideration of the House.

Hon. FRANK WILSON (Sussex) : Western Australia has certainly lost, by the death of the Hon. C. A. Piesse, one of her most patriotic and progressive sons. I, with thousands of others in Western Australia, have lost one of my closest and dearest friends, and I feel almost like saying I have lost a brother. Mr. Piesse was always foremost in doing anything for the welfare and well-being of his neighbours and of his country. He was one of Nature's noblemen, a man with a large heart, large enough to embrace all and sundry—those who agreed with him and those who disagreed with him in public matters—a man of intense energy, and the results of whose energy exist throughout the length and breadth of that Great Southern country which he, together with his brother—the loss of whom we all lamented some two years ago, as the Premier has said—opened up and did so much to develop. The deceased gentleman has a record of past services to his country and to the people thereof, and I am satisfied that I am voicing the feelings of everyone, not only in this Chamber, but throughout Western Australia, when I say that our intense sympathy goes out to all the numerous members of his family. Western Australia, as the Premier has said, can ill-afford to lose men of his calibre. We are singularly unfortunate that so many have recently passed away from us, passed away in the prime of manhood. Mr. Piesse was in his prime, under 60; a man undaunted, of whom it might truthfully be said that he was—

One who never turned his back, but
marched breast foremost;
Never doubted clouds would break;
Never dreamed though right were
worsted, wrong would triumph;
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight
better;
Sleep to wake.

So may he sleep.

Mr. SPEAKER: Hon. members, before putting the motion I would like to

mention, on behalf of the House, that the late Mr. Piesse and his family have been associated with the public life of Western Australia for many, many years, and that he, as well as his late brother, rendered very signal service to the development of the State. Though probably he was not in agreement with many who hold similar opinions in this Chamber, he was, I believe I may say, a friend to every man, and he always pursued that course which in his opinion was most calculated to preserve and advance the best interests of Western Australia. It may be remembered of him that what he did, he did well, and with all his heart. I join with the Premier and the leader of the Opposition in expressing to the bereaved relatives and friends my heartfelt sympathy. I ask hon. members to rise and carry the motion.

Question put and passed; members standing.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The PREMIER (Hon. J. Scaddan): I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday, 16th July, at 4.30 p.m.

In submitting the motion, may I explain to hon. members that it is usual to adjourn, out of respect for the memory of an hon. member whether he is a member of this House or of another place, over one sitting day. On this occasion, however, owing to the fact that the funeral will be held at Wagin and that I am informed by the leader of the Opposition that most of the members sitting on that side of the House are desirous of attending the last rites at Wagin, rendering it impossible for them to return in time to be present at a meeting of the House to-morrow, and as, further, some members on this side of the House desire to attend, we have thought it well that the House should adjourn until Thursday next. May I also mention that a special train will leave Perth this evening, reaching Wagin at 7.30 to-morrow morning and returning to Perth to-morrow afternoon, thereby enabling members to reach

the City at about half-past ten to-morrow night. I hope those arrangements will be found satisfactory, and will meet the wishes of hon. members generally. I recognise that at this stage time is very valuable; but, under the circumstances, it seems to me that we could not have done either any less or any more for the purpose of meeting the exigencies of the occasion.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 4.44 p.m.

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QUESTION—STATE DAIRY FARM, BRUNSWICK.

Hon. W. KINGSMILL (for Hon. A. G. Jenkins) asked the Colonial Secretary: 1, Has any officer of the Health Department reported on the Brunswick State dairy farm during the past two years? 2, If so, the name of the officer or officers who so reported? 3, Will the Minister lay the report or reports (if any) on the Table of the House?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied: 1, Yes. 2, Inspector Higgs, 20th November, 1912; Inspector Berry, 12th November, 1913; Inspector Higgs, 20th May, 1914. 3, No objection to reports being tabled: they are tabled in green in file herewith.