

in the Arbitration Court he exercised that mature judgment which he had acquired and also the fairmindedness with which he was naturally gifted. What most appealed to me during the time I was in contact with him was that fortitude upon which the leader of the House has remarked. He was resigned to his end. On one occasion he said that, so far as he was concerned, the numbers were up, and he added the wish that the end might not be delayed too long. I desire to express my appreciation of some words of advice which the late Mr. Daghish gave me with regard to arbitration matters. I believe that his advice will stand me in good stead in the very near future. I discussed many phases of the Arbitration Act and kindred matters with him, and I was very much impressed with the advice that he gave me. I deeply regret the necessity for the motion, and I wish to add my tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman and to express my heartfelt sympathy to his widow and relatives.

Hon. J. CORNELL (South) [4.42]: Before the motion is put, I desire to add a few words to those which have fallen from previous speakers. I knew the late Mr. Daghish for a considerable number of years, and, though it may be said that he made few personal and intimate friends, I was able to claim him as one of my personal friends. Of late years I was thrown a good deal into intercourse with him, and I extremely regret his untimely demise. Death sooner or later claims us all, but in view of the part which the late Mr. Daghish played in the public life of this State, one cannot but consider that death claimed him all too soon. I also desire to express my sympathy with his good wife and family. There is one section at least of this community whose heart-felt sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Daghish in her sad bereavement. That sympathy will be extended to her from the returned soldiers of this State. Of all the women who have bent their energies to make easier the task of the man who has come back from the Front, some may compare with Mrs. Daghish, but none will excel her. On behalf of that section of the community I add an expression of the deepest sympathy.

The PRESIDENT: Before putting the question, I shall ask hon. members to stand in their places.

Question put and passed; members standing.

#### ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. H. P. Colebatch): As a further tribute of respect to the memory of the late Hon. Henry Daghish, I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

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

### OBITUARY—HON. HENRY DAGLISH.

The PREMIER (Hon. J. Mitchell—Northam) [4.32]: Since we adjourned on Thursday last the hand of Death has removed yet another of our public men—I refer to the late Hon. Henry Daghish. As hon. members know, Mr. Daghish lived a useful life in the community, first as a member of this House, afterwards as Premier, and later as a Minister of the Crown, having in the meantime filled the post of Chairman of Committees. Since severing his connection with Parliament, Mr. Daghish, as hon. members know, occupied a place on the bench of the State Arbitration Court. The deceased gentleman made many friends during his residence in Western Australia, and amongst all those friends his death will be very deeply regretted. In the ordinary course we have met to-day for the despatch of business, but I propose to ask that out of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman the House shall adjourn. Before doing so I move—

That the House desires to place on record its appreciation of the public services rendered to the State by the late Hon. Henry Daghish, and to express its deepest sympathy with his family in the loss which they have sustained; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward the foregoing resolution to the widow of the deceased.

Hon. P. COLLIER (Boulder) [4.34]: I second the motion submitted by the Premier with feelings of very deep regret. The death of the late Mr. Daghish is, I am sure, deplored throughout the whole of the State, particularly amongst those who were privileged to know him intimately. The late Mr. Daghish was of a most kindly and courteous disposition; I am sure he did not possess one personal enemy in the whole of the State. By those of us who were privileged to sit with him for a number of years in this House, his loss will indeed be very much regretted. Although it may not be generally known, the late Mr. Daghish was a man of subtle intellect, and I venture to say that the Parliament of Western Australia has had very few men of greater capacity than the deceased gentleman. I am sure the sympathies of every member of the House will go out to Mr. Daghish's relatives, and I trust that the knowledge that the deceased gentleman possessed the friendship of the whole of this House will be of some comfort to

those relatives in their sorrow. I very much regret that occasion has arisen for the motion which I second.

Mr. STUBBS (Wagin) [4.36]: The passing of the late Hon. Henry Daglish removes a familiar figure in the life of this State for a period of nearly a quarter of a century. To those who knew him, he endeared himself, not only by his many good qualities, but by the kindness of heart which always actuated him in everything that pertained to the welfare of the people with whom he came into contact. The State has lost a capable and able gentleman; and I am sure the sympathy of every member of the House goes out to his bereaved widow.

Mr. SPEAKER [4.37]: Before the motion is put, let me say that I was closely associated with the deceased gentleman for many years in the Parliament of this State. I was returned to Parliament for the first time in the same year as that in which the late Hon. Henry Daglish was first elected. We were both returned on the same policy, and I had the pleasure of his association, during which I could not fail to mark his knowledge and ability. I was also associated with him in the first Labour Government of the State, and I realise that all that has been said about the deceased gentleman this afternoon is perfectly true. I regret indeed the occasion for this motion. I ask hon. members to rise in their places and pass the motion standing.

Question put and passed, members standing.

*House adjourned 4.37 p.m.*

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

### QUESTION—FLOUR AND FODDER SUPPLIES.

Hon. J. DUFFELL asked the Honorary Minister: 1, What is the maximum milling capacity of the flour mills now operating in

the State? 2, What price has been charged by the wheat pool for wheat supplied to those mills for milling purposes during the last 12 months? 3, What prices have the millers been permitted to charge for flour for local consumption and export respectively during the same period? 4, What prices have the millers been permitted to charge for bran and pollard respectively during the same period? 5, Is it a fact that at the present time bran and pollard can be purchased from only one firm? 6, Is this distributing firm controlled by one of the principal millers in the metropolitan area? 7, What is the total quantity of bran and pollard produced by the local millers? 8, What is the quantity of bran and pollard shipped from this State during the last 12 months, and what is the quantity consumed locally? 9, What is the approximate quantity required for local consumption?

The HONORARY MINISTER replied: 1, Approximately 160,000 short tons of flour (of 2,000 lbs.) and 66,000 short tons of offal, per annum. 2, 3, and 4, The prices on f.o.r. basis, metropolitan area, for local consumption of wheat per bushel and of flour, bran, and pollard per short ton of 2,000lbs. have been as follows:—Wheat per bushel—September 5s., October to December 5s. 6d., January 6s. 6d., February 7s. 8d., March to August 7s. 8d. Flour per ton—September £11, October to December £11 12s. 6d., January £14 2s. 6d., February £16 12s. 6d., March to August £17. Pollard per ton—September £6 5s., October to December £7 15s., January No sales, February £8 2s. 6d., March to August £7 15s. For export, the price of wheat for flour has varied from 8s. to 16s. per bushel according to date and destination of flour, and the prices of flour for export have been whatever the miller has been able to obtain at the particular destination sent. These are not known. 5, No. 6, Answered by 5. 7, Answered by 1. 8 and 9, Not known.

### QUESTION—INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, SUBSIDY.

Hon. A. H. PANTON asked the Minister for Education: In view of the fact that the Government paid an annual subsidy to the Institute for the Blind when there were only 14 inmates, will the Government consider the necessity for increasing the amount now that there are 60 inmates?

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION replied: The matter is under consideration.

### QUESTION—IRWIN COAL SEAM, WATER SUPPLY.

Hon. J. W. HICKEY asked the Minister for Education: 1, Is he aware that the supply of water for boring purposes on the Irwin coal seam will cut out at the end of the wet season? 2, If so, will the Government take immediate steps to arrange for a sufficient water supply to carry on boring operations during the summer months?