

Hon. W. C. Angwin: The farmers should provide for themselves that which they need.

Mr. PICKERING: They cannot provide themselves with clothes, with sugar, with tea, and with numerous other things. Anything that acts detrimentally to the settlement of the land and injuriously affects the primary producer is inimical to the development of this country.

On motion by Hon. W. C. Angwin, debate adjourned.

House adjourned at 10.38 p.m.

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

SWEARING-IN.

The Hon. Ephraim Mayo Clarke, who was not present when members were sworn in after the biennial elections, took and subscribed the oath and signed the roll.

OBITUARY—HON. HENRY DAGLISH.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Hon. H. P. Colebatch—East) [4.35]: Hon. members will have observed, I am sure with a great deal of regret, the announcement in this morning's newspaper of the death of the Hon. Henry Daghish, a gentleman who for the past 20 years has played a prominent part in the public life of Western Australia. His friends, among whom may be counted many old parliamentary associates, are well aware that for some time past he had been in failing health; and those of us who saw him immediately prior to his departure for the Eastern States to seek treatment, cannot but have been impressed with the splendid fortitude with which he bore his sufferings and his anxieties. It was just after the consummation of Federation that Mr. Daghish first became a member of the Parliament of Western Australia. He was elected for Subiaco as its first Labour member. The Labour party at

that time was a new party, a small party, and a struggling party; but so conspicuous was the ability of Mr. Daghish that when, about three years later, it fell to the lot of the Labour party to assume the reins of government in this State, he was by common consent chosen as its leader, and became the first Labour Premier of Western Australia. Subsequently he held office as a Minister in a Liberal Administration, and in all he represented the electorate of Subiaco through the lifetime of four Parliaments. After leaving political life he rendered very important service to the community as a member of the Arbitration Court. Whether as a public servant, as a member of Parliament, as a Minister of the Crown, or as Premier of this State, he devoted himself with singleness of purpose to the best interests of this country; and those of us who were intimately acquainted with him cannot fail to feel the deepest sympathy with the almost tragic circumstances of his lingering illness and his death. I am sure that our sympathies go out to Mrs. Daghish and the deceased gentleman's family in their bereavement. I move—

That this 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 they have sustained; and that the President be requested to forward the foregoing resolution to the widow of the deceased gentleman.

Hon. J. EWING (South-West) [4.38]. It is with very deep regret indeed that I rise to second the motion moved by the leader of the House. I can claim to have been a personal friend of the late Mr. Daghish. I admired him in his political life, and I always found him a straightforward, honourable, and generous man. It was my privilege during the last two or three years to meet him very often, and I can endorse the statement of the leader of the House that the deceased gentleman's fortitude was quite remarkable. He gave very faithful and good service to the State. Although I was opposed to him in politics while I sat in another Chamber, I always found him a generous leader of his party, and a man willing and anxious at all times to further the interests of the State. It is with very deep regret that I second the motion.

Hon. J. W. HICKEY (Central) [4.39]: I desire to add my expressions of regret to those which have been uttered by the mover and seconder of the motion, and I believe I am expressing the opinion of all with whom I am associated when I say that the deepest sorrow is felt that there should be need for the motion. While I came into close contact with the deceased gentleman, I had political differences with him on occasion; but I always found him a good friend and an honourable opponent. In his position

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