

have been in office four months. He has forgotten just how long it is.

Hon. P. Collier: It seems a long time.

The PREMIER: Perhaps so. If I could have taken every item and made a reduction I might have done it, but the hon. member should realise it is not imperative that the money we ask the House to vote to-day should be expended. I shall be bringing down the Budget in another month.

Hon. W. D. Johnson: Shall we get the Budget in a month?

The PREMIER: I hope to present it as soon as the Address-in-reply debate has been finished. I think it is due to members that the Budget should be presented early this year. I hope that will be satisfactory to the hon. member. It is well known to the hon. member that the expenditure necessarily occurs no matter what one might do; it is the revenue that is so uncertain. The late Government endeavoured to reduce expenditure before they went out of office, and we are trying to do likewise. Members will see, when the Budget is presented, that we are reducing expenditure in many directions. A painful process it is, but in the altered circumstances in which we find ourselves, it is unavoidable. I assure members that expenditure is being reduced and that they will be satisfied with the efforts of the Government when the Budget is presented.

Hon. W. D. Johnson: The Supply Bill does not disclose it.

The PREMIER: No; it was impossible to disclose in the Supply Bill all the items which will appear in the Estimates and which will show a reduction. I promise that the Estimates will be brought down as early as possible, and that members will have all the information and time necessary to discuss them fully.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

In Committee.

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

Third Reading.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Council.

Sitting suspended from 4.42 to 5.55 p.m.

Returned from the Council.

Message from the Council received and read notifying that it had agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir James Mitchell—Northam) [5.59]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 12th August, at 4.30 p.m.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.0 p.m., and read prayers.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBER.

Hon. J. M. MACFARLANE (Metropolitan-Suburban) took and subscribed the oath, and signed the roll.

QUESTION—LOAN COUNCIL.

Representation of the State.

Hon. E. H. GRAY (for Hon. C. P. Williams) asked the Minister for Country Water Supplies: 1, Has the attention of the Minister been drawn to the paragraph, published in the "West Australian" of 30th July, 1930, reading as follows: "Loan Council—The State's Representation—Though Lady Mitchell's health had sufficiently improved yesterday to enable the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) to return

from Northam to Perth, it is still causing Sir James so much anxiety that he has found it necessary to cancel his trip to Canberra to attend the important special meeting of the Federal Loan Council, which has been called for 5th August. The Premier has arranged for Senator Sir Hal Colebatch to represent the State at the meeting, and he will have the support of the Under Treasurer (Mr. G. W. Simpson), who will leave Perth by to-morrow night's train"? 2, Is this statement correct? 3, If so, is this due to the fact that no Minister other than the Premier was capable of representing the State at the meeting?

The MINISTER FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES replied: 1, Yes. 2, Yes. 3, No.

QUESTION—FREMANTLE BRIDGES.

Hon. G. FRASER asked the Minister for Country Water Supplies: 1, What was the cost of maintenance of (a) the Fremantle railway bridge for the years 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30; (b) the Fremantle traffic bridge for the same periods? 2, In what year was the last survey of the Fremantle traffic bridge made by a diver? 3, Will he lay upon the Table of the House (a) the report submitted by the diver; (b) any other reports submitted by engineers since 1926?

The MINISTER FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES replied: 1, (a) 1926-27, £1,417 8s. 10d.; 1927-28, £791 8s. 6d.; 1928-29, £1,058 1s. 10d.; 1929-30, £922 7s. 3d. (b) 1926-27, £4,720 17s. 8d.; 1927-28, £297 7s. 4d.; 1928-29, £47 4s. 2d.; 1929-30, £793 10s. 2, 1927. 3, (a) Yes; report laid on the Table. (b) No other written reports have been made since 1926, but the chairman and engineers of the Main Roads Board have made frequent inspections. An underwater inspection has been ordered, but is held up pending clearer water conditions.

QUESTION—SEWERAGE PROJECT, EAST FREMANTLE.

Hon. G. FRASER asked the Minister for Country Water Supplies: 1, Is it the intention of the Government, during the current financial year, to proceed with sewerage installation in the surveyed area at East Fremantle? 2, If not, when do the Government propose to do so?

The MINISTER FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES replied: 1, No. 2, Work will be considered on 1931-32 Loan Estimates.

QUESTION—PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE.

Hon. J. NICHOLSON (for Hon. A. Lovekin) asked the Minister for Country Water Supplies: 1, What was the expenditure on public works for the year ended 30th June, 1930, from Loan Funds (a) on material; (b) on wages paid to workers; (c) on salaries to officials in charge of works; (d) on administration? 2, What was the like expenditure from revenue funds? 3, What is the total amount of trust funds in the hands of the Government? 4, How much thereof has been borrowed by the Treasurer for public purposes?

The MINISTER FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES replied: The preparation of the information asked for in the four questions will involve a good deal of labour and consequent expense, and it is suggested to the hon. member that if he still desires to be supplied with the figures he should move for a return to be prepared and tabled.

Hon. J. NICHOLSON: Very well, on behalf of Mr. Lovekin I move accordingly.

The PRESIDENT: The hon. member will have to give notice.

Hon. J. NICHOLSON: I will do so.

The PRESIDENT: I think it would be better for the hon. member to frame the motion and give notice at the next sitting.

Hon. J. NICHOLSON: Very good, Sir.

QUESTION—STATE TRADING CONCERNS.

Hon. J. NICHOLSON (for Hon. A. Lovekin) asked the Minister for Country Water Supplies: 1, Is it the intention of the Government to take power to dispose of the State trading concerns if favourable opportunity arises? 2, If so, will the necessary legislation be introduced at an early date?

The MINISTER FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES replied: 1, The matter is under consideration. 2, Answered by No. 1.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

Second Day.

Order of the day read for the resumption of the debate from the 30th July.

The PRESIDENT: The question is that the motion for the adoption of the Address-in-reply be adopted.

HON. V. HAMERSLEY (East) [4.45]: Is it intended, Mr. President, to pass the motion for the adoption of the Address-in-reply without discussion? Cannot the debate be adjourned until the next sitting of the House? I understood Mr. Williams intended to carry on the debate to-day. I move—

That the debate be adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Motion put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT—PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

THE MINISTER FOR COUNTRY WATER SUPPLIES (Hon. C. F. Baxter—East) [4.46]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 26th August.

I should like to explain the reason for submitting this motion. The Premier is leaving this week for Melbourne on one of the most important commissions ever undertaken on behalf of Western Australia, in that it deals with the question of finance. It is felt by practically all concerned in the composition of this Parliament that, until the Premier has returned from the conference, it will be very difficult to deal with any measure or even to speak to the Address-in-reply. It is, therefore, deemed advisable that Parliament should adjourn until the Premier's return. By that time members will have a better idea of the financial position of the State, and be able to proceed with the business of the country on sounder lines than would otherwise be the case.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.48 p.m.

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

METROPOLITAN MARKET TRUST REPORT.

Mr. SPEAKER: In accordance with Section 21 of the Metropolitan Market Act, 1926, I have received a copy of the accounts of the Metropolitan Market Trust, together with the Auditor General's report thereon. The report will be laid on the Table of the House.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. SPEAKER: In accordance with Standing Order 21a, I nominate the member for Gascoyne (Mr. Angelo), the member for Leederville (Mr. Pantou), and the member for Nelson (Mr. J. H. Smith) to be temporary Chairmen of Committees.

QUESTIONS (2)—RAILWAYS.

Karlgarin-Lake Grace.

Mr. DONEY asked the Minister for Works: Will the Karlgarin-Lake Grace railway construction be sufficiently far advanced by the time the 1930-31 harvest needs to be handled to obviate the provision of wheat dumps?

The MINISTER FOR WORKS replied: Rails are expected to be laid to Karlgarin before Christmas or very early in the New Year, and the harvest hauled while the line is being completed. Stacking sites in proposed station yards can be fixed in October, considerably before harvesting commences.