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WROTH BANKRUPTCY SELECT COMMITTEE.

Report Presented.

Hon. W. D. Johnson brought up the report of the select committee.

Report read and ordered to be printed.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir James Mitchell—Northam) [4.46]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till Tuesday, 29th September, at 4.30 p.m.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

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OBITUARY—Mr. R. G. ARDAGH AND HON. H. STEWART, M.L.C.

Letters in Reply.

THE PRESIDENT [4.35]: I have received from the widow of the late Mr. R. G. Ardagh an expression of appreciation of

the resolution carried by the Legislative Council on the 5th August, 1931. I have also received a similar letter from the widow of the late Hon. Hector Stewart in regard to the resolution of condolence carried on the 11th August, 1931.

Sitting suspended from 4.40 to 5 p.m.

BILL—SUPPLY (No. 2), £960,000.

All Stages.

Received from the Assembly and read a first time.

Second Reading.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. C. F. Baxter—East) [5.0] in moving the second reading said: This Bill is a request for Supply for the months of September and October. The total amount involved is £960,000, made up of £850,000 on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £100,000 on account of the General Loan Fund, and £10,000 on account of the Government Property Sales Fund. The intention is to expend those amounts during the months of September and October along the lines of the Budget which is being delivered to-day in another place. Members are aware that economies are being effected in every possible direction. In consequence of the energies in that regard, it is somewhat pleasing to be able to say that the results for July and August of this year are only £29,773 worse than for the corresponding period of last year. The expenditure figures for July and August of this year include £76,656 more on account of unemployment, and £105,528 additional for exchange. In the circumstances the results achieved during July and August are gratifying. Another pleasing feature during July and August was the collection of additional revenue to the extent of £62,000, as compared with the revenue collected in July and August of last year. The additional revenue was received from public utilities, of which the railways contributed £42,000. The expenditure for the two months was greater by £91,900 than that of the same two months of last year. That was due mainly to the necessity for finding £182,184 additional for unemployment and exchange, but the heavy expenditure on those accounts was offset by savings totalling £91,284 in other directions. The Government are faced with the difficulty of