

## Legislative Council,

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

### OBITUARY—HON. F. W. ALLSOP, M.L.C.

**THE CHIEF SECRETARY** (Hon. C. F. Baxter—East) [4.34]: It is with sincere regret that I rise to move a motion of sympathy respecting the death of the Hon. Frederick William Allsop, who passed away on the 15th instant after a long illness. The late hon. member was born in New Zealand and was a son of the late William Allsop, well known in connection with the early Imperial Forces in Victoria. Educated at the High School, Ballarat, and subsequently graduating at the School of Mines in that city, Mr. Allsop at the close of his scholastic career accepted an engagement to proceed to South Africa as metallurgical chemist for the African Gold Recovery Company. During the three years he served in that capacity he became one of the foundation members of the Chemical and Metallurgical Society, now a well-known and world-wide institution. Prior to his return to Australia in 1896 he established the first cyanide works at Spitzkop, in the Transvaal, South Africa. At a later date, whilst filling the appointment of chemist and metallurgist to the General Exploration Company in Melbourne, he pioneered the installation of the first electrical precipitation plant (Simien Halske process) in Victoria and New South Wales. He also filled the office of Vice-President of the Chemical and Metallurgical Society of Victoria, and opened the first plant for giving practical demonstrations in cyanide metallurgy at the Ballarat School of Mines. He is recognised as one of the first members of his profession to use the cyanide treatment in gold recovery in Australia. He came to Western Australia in 1905, and founded the business of Messrs. Allsop and Don, Kalgoorlie, as metallurgists and public assayers. He conducted tests and experiments relative to treatment of

gold-bearing tailings, and played a very active part in the treatment of tailing dumps in the Kalgoorlie centre and throughout the Eastern Goldfields. He was connected with the control of certain crushing and treatment plants and in the aggregate was responsible for the successful treatment of a very large tonnage of auriferous ore. His opinion in matters connected with the treatment of ore was very highly regarded in mining circles. He was a former Mayor of Kalgoorlie and was elected to represent the North-East Province in this House in May, 1930. Unfortunately he suffered a long illness after being elected, and his death deprives the State of the services of a man who did much to advance the welfare of the goldfields and the gold-mining industry, and one whom we found to be a sincere, conscientious and honourable gentleman. We deeply feel his death and our hearts go out in profound and fullest sympathy to his widow and children. I intend to move the adjournment of the House today out of respect to his memory. Before doing that I submit the following motion:—

That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained in the death of the late Hon. F. W. Allsop of the North-East Province, and to express its sincere sympathy and condolence with the members of his family in the irreparable loss they have sustained by his decease; and that the President be requested to forward the foregoing resolution to the late hon. member's widow and family.

**HON. E. H. HARRIS** (North-East) [4.38]: I second the motion, and I regret exceedingly the necessity for such a motion. Our late colleague had been associated with Eastern goldfields life for a period of some 25 to 30 years. During that time he built up a business as metallurgist and assayer, and earned for himself and his firm a reputation for the highest integrity. Long before coming to Kalgoorlie he had been associated with public life, and he played his part in the public life of the goldfields, rendering valuable service to the citizens. His death represents a loss to a very large number of people with whom he was acquainted. Moreover it has brought deep sorrow to many of his constituents in out-back districts, where also he was well known. It was shortly after his entering this House that he contracted his fatal illness, just at the time when he was getting into his stride to assure himself of a Parliamentary career.

Like the whole of the goldfields residents, I join with the Minister in his expressions of sorrow at the death of our colleague.

**HON. H. SEDDON** (North-East) [4.40]: I, too, desire to support the motion of condolence with the widow and relatives of my late colleague. Mr. Allsop was not very well known to members generally, but I can assure them that he will be sadly missed throughout the North-East Province, where there are many people who can thank him for numerous kindly acts of helpfulness when they were in need of assistance, acts gracefully performed in a quiet, unassuming way. Mr. Allsop was closely identified with the public life of the goldfields for many years and, as I say, played a kindly part in the private lives of many in the district. I join with members in deploring the loss sustained in the death of the hon. member.

**THE PRESIDENT** [4.41]: Most of the members of this House had not many opportunities of knowing Mr. Allsop intimately. True, he was a member for two years, but unfortunately he was suffering during most of that period from the illness that ultimately proved fatal. They, therefore, could not become acquainted with his real character and worth. With those of us who come from the goldfields, where he lived and worked, it was different. I first met him 27 years ago when he came to Kalgoorlie, a man full of mental and physical energy, and where he was successful in getting the confidence of all with whom he did business. Busy though he was, he had a high sense of his duty to the public, and he felt it only fair for him to spare some of his time for civic work. As a member of the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council and as Mayor of Kalgoorlie he rendered service worthy of the public gratitude. Later the goldfields public showed how highly they esteemed him when, two years ago, they returned him to represent them in this Chamber. Even in that short time, he made some speeches which were extremely valuable contributions to debates, especially on mining subjects. His death is universally deplored on the goldfields where he was best known, as it is also deplored in this House, and throughout the State generally. To his sorrowing widow and family we tender our deepest sympathy.

Question put and passed, members standing.

The **CHIEF SECRETARY**: Out of respect for the memory of the deceased gentleman, I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.43 p.m.*

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### QUESTION—RAILWAY TONNAGE.

Mr. **WANSBROUGH** asked the Minister for Railways: 1, What tonnage of superphosphate was hauled from Picton from the 1st of January to the 30th June, 1932—(a) to stations Picton to Perth; (b) to stations and sidings east of Brunswick, including Narrogin, Yilliminning, G.S.R. stations, and spur lines; 2, What tonnage of Collie coal was hauled to all stations from the 1st of January to the 30th June, 1932—(a) number of trucks used? 3, How many empty trucks were hauled from Collie eastward from the 1st of January to the 30th June, 1932?

The **ATTORNEY GENERAL** (for the Minister for Railways) replied: 1, (a) and (b) 1,166 tons, 9,957 tons. 2, 203,618 tons; (a) 21,691 trucks. 3, 2,540 trucks.