

"interchangeable or otherwise," as recommended by the select committee.

Agreed to, and clause, as amended, put and passed.

Clause 10.—"In any case where the provisions of the principal Act may be in conflict with this present Act the provisions of this present Act shall prevail, and by-laws made under this Act may supersede the exemption mentioned in lines 24, 25, and 26 of section 96 of the principal Act."

MR. MOLLOY said he must take exception to this clause, and for this reason: it was too indefinite. Who was to decide when the provisions of the principal Act were in conflict with this present Act?

MR. TRAYLEN did not think that any magistrate was likely to go astray in so simple a matter as this.

Clause—put and passed.

Clause 11.—"Penalties:"

Agreed to, without comment.

MR. TRAYLEN moved to add the following new clause to the Bill, to stand as Clause 12:—"Notwithstanding anything in the principal Act and in 'The Police Act, 1892,' to the contrary, it shall be lawful for a licensee when removing air-tight receptacles, under the double-pan system, to carry on his work from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m." This was in accordance with the select committee's recommendation. The committee were informed that in some cities where this system of removal was in force it was customary to carry on this work all day long, but the committee did not think we ought to give permission for that here, but that if the work was done between 9 o'clock at night and 8 in the morning it was not likely to be offensive to anyone's sight, any more than to their olfactory nerves.

Clause—put and passed.

Preamble and title:

Agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at five minutes past 9 o'clock p.m.

Legislative Council,

Friday, 9th December, 1892.

Companies Bill: third reading—Perth Gas Company's Act Amendment Bill: in committee—Excess Bill, 1891: report—Constitution Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Public Institutions and Friendly Societies Lands Improvement Bill: first reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. G. Shenton) took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

COMPANIES BILL.

This Bill was read a third time, and *passed*.

PERTH GAS COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was considered in committee, and agreed to without amendment, and reported.

EXCESS BILL, 1891.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker), in moving that the committee's report on this Bill be adopted, said he had promised to explain the item of £1,616 15s. 5d. for incidental expenses, under the head of "Miscellaneous Services." He regretted that, notwithstanding the large expense incurred by the country in furnishing printed reports and returns for the information of hon. members, his hon. and learned and inquiring friend (Mr. Hackett), who had asked for this particular information, did not make himself acquainted with the information contained in those documents; for if the hon. member had taken the trouble to study the "Public Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1891," accompanied by the first annual report of the Auditor General made under the Audit Act of 1891, he would have found at page 109 the details of those "incidental expenses;" the Auditor General stating them thus:—"Chiefly on account of reception of H.M.S. Katoomba, £552; celebration of Proclamation Day Anniversary, £475; purchase of land for People's Park, £500; and law costs, Marshall *versus* Shenton, £82 3s.; total, £1,616 15s. 5d." He moved that the report be adopted.

THE HON. J. W. HACKETT regretted that he could not echo, in the precise words of the hon. and learned gentle-

man, the regret which had been expressed that, notwithstanding all the expense incurred in furnishing printed documents for the information of hon. members, yet even the Hon. the Colonial Secretary had required some delay to put himself in possession of information which the hon. gentleman told them was lying on the table all the time. They had a Government and a Colonial Secretary, salaried at a very high cost, expressly to look into these matters and furnish explanations to hon. members; yet, when the hon. and learned gentleman had been asked at a previous sitting to explain this amount, which certainly appeared to be large for "incidental expenses," all that the Colonial Secretary could do was to beg the House to adjourn in order that he might obtain some information, not from the papers on the table, but from another quarter, as to this item. He congratulated the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on at last having succeeded.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and was read a first time.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LANDS IMPROVEMENT BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion for adjournment,

THE PRESIDENT congratulated the members on the circumstance that there was a full attendance of the Council on this occasion for the first time during the present session.

The Council, at 3.15 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 13th December, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Friday, 9th December, 1892.

Raffling at a Bazaar—Condition of North Fremantle Bridge—Introduction of a Factory Act—Constitution Act Amendment Bill, third reading—Public Institutions and Friendly Societies Lands Improvement Bill; third reading—Industrial and Reformatory Schools Bill: further considered in committee—Bonus for Deep Shaft Sinking on Goldfields: adjourned debate—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

RAFFLING AT A BAZAAR.

MR. DEHAMEL: I should like to ask the Premier, without notice, whether he is aware that raffling and gambling was going on at a bazaar at Fremantle last night, contrary to the provisions of the Police Act?

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest): I know nothing about it. The hon. member had better give notice.

CONDITION OF NORTH FREMANTLE BRIDGE.

MR. PEARSE, in accordance with notice, asked the Director of Public Works if his attention had been called to the rumoured instability of the North Fremantle Bridge; if so, what steps he proposed to take in the matter.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. H. W. Venn) replied that some months since an examination of this bridge had been made in consequence of a report received from the Fremantle Municipality. No perceptible recent deterioration had been discovered, but a few necessary repairs had been effected, and regulations had been published in regard to traffic.

INTRODUCTION OF A FACTORY ACT.

In reply to MR. SOLOMON,

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) said it was not the intention of the Government to introduce a Factory Act during the present session.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the