

Amendment passed; the clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 18—agreed to.

Schedule:

The PREMIER: I desire that the schedule be struck out.

Hon. Frank Wilson: What will you put in its place?

The PREMIER: Something nearer what the hon. member desires. He objected to the sudden jump in regard to salaries of £199 and £201, and showed that a man receiving the higher amount, after paying the tax, would be worse off than the man who received the smaller salary. This has been adjusted, and the new schedule will make the graduations bear fairly throughout. It is even more accurate than that suggested by the Civil Service Association.

Hon. FRANK WILSON: The new schedule, of which I have a copy, is certainly preferable to the one in the Bill, but the whole thing is an extortion.

Schedule put and negatived.

New Schedule:

The PREMIER: I move—

That the following be inserted to stand as the schedule:—

The Schedule.

The tax shall be at such rate per centum, not exceeding fifteen per centum of the taxable amount of the income arising or accruing to any person from all sources for the calendar month, as is represented by twelve times such income divided by one hundred.

As for example:—

Income for month.	Income on annual computation.	Rate of tax per centum.	Tax payable for month.
£ s. d.	£	%	£ s. d.
8 5 8	100	1.00	0 1 8
8 8 3	101	1.01	0 1 8
8 10 0	102	1.02	0 1 9
9 0 0	108	1.08	0 1 11
13 0 0	156	1.56	0 4 1
16 11 8	199	1.99	0 6 7
16 13 4	200	2.00	0 6 8
17 0 0	204	2.04	0 6 11
50 0 0	600	6.00	3 0 0
62 10 0	750	7.50	4 13 9
83 6 8	1,000	10.00	8 6 8
125 0 0	1,500	15.00	18 15 0
166 13 4	2,000	15.00	25 0 0

Fractions of a penny not to be included in the amount of Tax payable, but the nearest penny to be adopted.
New schedule passed.

Preamble, Title—agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments and the report adopted.

Read a third time and transmitted to the Legislative Council.

BILL—POSTPONEMENT OF DEBTS.

Council's Message.

Message received from the Council notifying that it did not insist on amendments Nos. 2 and 3, but insisted on amendments Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 8; that it agreed to the amendments made by the Assembly to the Council's amendments Nos. 1 and 7, but disagreed to the amendment of the Council's amendment No. 9.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WAR NEWS.

The PREMIER (Hon. J. Scaddan, Brown Hill-Ivanhoe): I have just received the following cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated London, 9th September:—

The following review of the war is sent for the information of your Ministers and for general publication:—
After one month of war command of sea is left unchallenged in hands of Great Britain and her allies. Main German and Austrian fleets remain in harbour under shelter of mines and batteries. Four German cruisers, one auxiliary cruiser, two destroyers, one submarine, and one Austrian cruiser have been sunk. German dreadnought and cruiser have fled, without fighting, to Dardenelles. Loss of British ships has been insignificant. In consequence of this naval supremacy over 300,000 troops have crossed sea in different parts of the world without losing a man. British expeditionary force has been carried to France. Expeditions have been sent to attack German colonies in Africa, and Pacific, and French troops, protected by Anglo-French Mediterranean fleet, have been escorted from Algiers to France. Armies in Europe will be reinforced without ceasing by troops from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, India.

German mercantile marine has disappeared from the seas, which are open freely to British commerce everywhere. In China, Pacific, Atlantic, German ships have avoided action with British cruisers, and their depredations have been small. British navy will be increased within the next twelve months by not less than ten first-class ships, fifteen cruisers, twenty destroyers. During same period Germany will not add more than one-third of this number to her fleet. Meantime, in answer to call of Government, large number of fresh recruits have voluntarily joined British army. Eagerness to enlist has grown markedly since British troops have actually engaged enemy. During last week in London alone number of recruits averaged nearly 4,000 daily, and on Monday last number exceeded 4,800. Enthusiasm for recruiting is increasing everywhere. Position in France dealt with in previous telegrams. Russian armies have invaded Prussia. Austrians have been decisively beaten by Servians and Russians. Outside Europe Japanese fleet and troops blockade Tsing Tou. Togoland has surrendered to Anglo-French force, and Samoa to a force from New Zealand.

BILL—INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Returned from the Legislative Council with amendments.

BILL—EAST PERTH RAILWAY SIDING.

All Stages.

Introduced by the Minister for Railways and read a first time.

Second Reading.

The MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [9·54]: The object of this short Bill, which is purely of a formal character, is to authorise the construction of a siding from the East Perth station to a point on the

river bank, a distance of about 45½ chains. The siding is being put in at the request of the city council, who are erecting a gas works in that locality. The council some time ago requested the Railway Department to put in a siding with the object of getting their supplies of coal and other requirements from the Railway Department direct to the works. As shown in the schedule it commences at a point in East Perth station yard on the Eastern Railway, and proceeds thence *via* Sampson-street and crossing Claisebrook-road to Kensington-street; thence *via* Kensington-street, crossing Jewell-street to the Eastern boundary of Trafalgar-road. There is no objection to the measure, and I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Hon. FRANK WILSON (Sussex) [9·56]: The Premier has advised me of this Bill, and it is necessary that the measure should be put through.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

In Committee, etcetera.

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

Read a third time and transmitted to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The PREMIER (Hon J. Scaddan): moved—

That the House at its rising adjourn until to-morrow at 3·30 p.m.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 10 p.m.