

the anticipation that at no distant time Western Australia may, like her sister colonies, go forward, leaning upon no other aid than that of the efforts of her own colonists and the help of Divine Providence.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved the adoption of the reply, which was seconded by Mr. STEERE.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Thursday, 1st August, 1872.

Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech—Ballarat Timber Company—Arrangement of the House—Standing Orders.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.  
PRAYERS.

### ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

The SPEAKER informed the Council that the Address to His Excellency the Governor, adopted yesterday, had been presented in accordance with the resolution of the House.

### BALLARAT TIMBER COMPANY.

Mr. NEWMAN, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House, as early as possible, the agreement and all correspondence with the Ballarat Timber Company.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) notified that the agreement and all correspondence between the Government and the Ballarat Timber Company were lying at his office, and were open for the inspection of hon. members. The correspondence was so voluminous that when once seen, he thought that the hon. member for Fremantle would not press that a copy be laid on the table.

### ARRANGEMENT OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. BICKLEY, in accordance with notice, moved for a committee consisting of Mr. Carr, Mr. Shenton, Mr. Monger, Mr. Marmion, and the Mover to be appointed to consider the question of the better arrangement of the House, with a view to members sitting in a more compact body.

After some debate a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes ..... 13

Noes ..... 4

Majority for ..... 9

Ayes.	Noes.
The Hon. R. J. Walcott	Mr. Steere
The Hon. M. Fraser	Mr. Logue
Mr. Bickley	Mr. Hassell
Mr. Marmion	Mr. Carr (Teller.)
Mr. Russell	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Carey	
Mr. Brockman	
Mr. Pearse	
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Drummond	
The Hon. F. P. Barlee	
(Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

### STANDING ORDERS.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, moved for certain alterations in the Standing Orders of this House, and the following amendments:—In Section 2, and line 3, to strike out the word "six," and insert the word "eight" instead thereof. Section 3, and line 3, to strike out all the words between "present" and "Members," and to insert the word "eight" instead thereof. Section 9, at the end of the first line, after the word "shall," to insert "if directed by the Speaker." Section 47, and line 2, to strike out the words between "if" and "the," and to insert instead thereof "within two hours after the meeting of Council." Section 69,—To omit all the words as far as the word "such," in line 2, and to insert the following words instead thereof:—"That upon any motion for a Select Committee, it shall be competent for any Member to move as an amendment that such Committee be appointed by ballot; and the question shall then be put to the House, and if resolved in the affirmative," And that the same be taken into consideration on Tuesday, 6th August.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 1 p.m.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Friday, 2nd August, 1872.

Election Petition—Immigration—Trespass by Live Stock: select committee—Correspondence with Magistrates—Financial Statement: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.  
PRAYERS.