

"constructing a Railway in the Kimberley District upon the Land Grant System, coupled with a condition of working and maintenance for a stated time—which the Council suggests shall be 5 years—respectfully recommends for the approval of His Excellency the Governor, that consideration be made at the rate of ten acres of land for each pound sterling of expenditure upon the construction and equipment of the line, including stations, sidings, wharfages, and appurtenances connected therewith, provided that the land allotted as consideration be in alternate blocks along the line of Railway of not less than 50,000 acres, and that such allotment shall be made from time to time, upon amounts of not less than £50,000 expended to the satisfaction of the Government upon the undertaking."

MR. S. H. PARKER moved, That Progress be reported, and leave asked to sit again on Friday, 15th September.

Question—put and passed.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES reported Progress, and asked leave to sit again on Friday, 15th September.

Ordered.

STAMP DUTIES BILL.

This Bill was recommitted in order to make a verbal amendment. [*Vide* "Votes and Proceedings," p. 154.]

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was passed through Committee without discussion or amendment.

The House adjourned at half-past eleven o'clock, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 14th September, 1892.

Increased Grant of Land to Mr. Alexander Forrest—Messages: No. 11 (*Re* Papers relating to Native Question); No. 12 (*Returning Imported Labor Registry Bill for amendment*); No. 13 (*Re* Charges brought against Officers of Railway Department at Fremantle)—Industrial Schools Act Amendment Bill: third reading—Estimates: further consideration of in committee—Reply to Message No. 9 (*Concessions to Jarrahdale Timber Co.*)—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

INCREASED GRANT OF LAND TO MR. ALEXANDER FORREST.

MR. VENN, in accordance with notice, moved the following resolution: "This Council having been informed by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary that Her Majesty's Secretary of State has been pleased to authorise a grant of 2,000 acres of land in the Kimberley District to Mr. Alexander Forrest, would be gratified if His Excellency the Governor would recommend that such grant be increased to 10,000 acres." The hon. member said that when he heard from the noble lord the other day that the quantity of land which the Secretary of State had granted to Mr. Forrest was only 2,000 acres, he could not help thinking it was a very meagre acknowledgement of that gentleman's services—so much as to be almost unworthy of Mr. Forrest's acceptance; and, as it was he who had moved in this matter before, when the question of recognising Mr. Forrest's services was brought under the attention of the House, he thought it was his duty again to submit this resolution, which he hoped the House would affirm. It might be said, that the House having decided on a former occasion to leave the matter in the hands of the Secretary of State, this resolution would not come with very good grace from them now: but he thought the proper source whence should emanate any recommendation on this subject was the Legislature of the Colony, and he hoped hon. members would agree with him that Mr. Forrest was fairly entitled to greater consideration than a paltry 2,000 acres. What was given to his illustrious brother?

Five thousand acres, in any part of the Colony—the very cream of the country, and representing a very considerable amount of money to the recipient, whereas in this case it was only proposed to give Mr. A. Forrest 2,000 acres in a part of the Colony where the land might be said to be totally valueless, except for speculative purposes. He thought the House, in supporting this resolution, would be only showing its just sense of gratitude for the valuable services rendered to the Colony by Mr. Forrest,—services which he did not think would be more than adequately rewarded by a grant of 10,000 acres, which he believed would meet with the approval of the whole community.

Mr. STEERE was glad to find that the hon. member for Wellington had descended from the realms of fancy into which he led the House the previous night, as regards the Kimberley District, and that the hon. member now admitted that the land in that district was utterly worthless, and that it was not a land flowing with milk and honey. He was glad to find the hon. member to-day admitting that, except for the purposes of speculation, this Kimberley territory was not worth having as a gift. [Mr. VENN: Without the railway.] This question of recognising Mr. Forrest's services was brought before the House last Session, and, after considerable discussion, the Council resolved to leave it to the Secretary of State to fix the quantity of land which he thought proper to grant Mr. Forrest, and, having done so, it appeared to him it would be an improper course on the part of that House to approach the Secretary of State again with a resolution like this, which was tantamount to telling him that he had not given Mr. Forrest enough, and that he ought to get more. He could not support the resolution.

Mr. BROWN said he had been surprised and pained when his attention was called to a paragraph which appeared in the *Morning Herald* some time ago, dealing with the action of the House as regards Mr. Forrest's services—a paragraph bristling with untruthful statements, from first to last, and seeking to bring every hon. member of that House into contempt, commenting upon the action of the House, as regards Mr.

Forrest, in a most improper manner. He regretted it had escaped his notice that this resolution was on the Notice Paper for that day, otherwise he would have brought the paper referred to with him, and let the House see how, in this matter, it had been assailed, most unfairly assailed. That Council left the question of deciding what quantity of land should be granted to Mr. Forrest in the hands of the Secretary of State, and, having done so, the Council had done its duty in the matter, in thus urging Mr. Forrest's claims upon the favorable consideration of the Colonial Office. Although he was not in a position to say that Mr. Forrest himself wrote the untruthful paragraph referred to, in the *Morning Herald*, which heaped the greatest possible contempt upon that House, he was in a position to state that Mr. Forrest had openly and publicly, and within his own hearing, sought to justify these untruthful statements. He therefore hoped this debate would be adjourned, so that he might place in the hands of hon. members a copy of the paper containing these untruthful and contemptuous remarks, which he himself had heard Mr. Forrest publicly justifying. He thought when hon. members read this paragraph they would come to the same conclusion as he had,—that, so far as any further recognition of Mr. Forrest's services was concerned, their proper course would be to leave Mr. Forrest to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. CAREY moved the adjournment of the debate until Monday, which was agreed to.

Debate adjourned.

MESSAGE (No. 11): *Re* PAPERS ASKED FOR RELATING TO THE NATIVE QUESTION.

THE SPEAKER announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

"In reply to Your Address No. 18, the Governor will be happy to forward a portion of the papers requested by Your Honorable House. Some of the documents alluded to in Your Address, such as certain communications between the Government and the Police, are necessarily of a confidential character, and cannot accordingly be published, but

"the papers to be forwarded will doubtless sufficiently serve the purpose for which they are required.

"With regard to the question asked in the concluding paragraph of your Address, marked "I," the Governor feels sure that on consideration Your Honorable Council will excuse him if he declines to answer that question.

"Government House, Perth, 14th September, 1882."

MESSAGE (No. 12): IMPORTED LABOR REGISTRY BILL FOR AMENDMENT.

THE SPEAKER notified the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:

"The Governor has had under his consideration the Bill passed by Your Honorable Council intituled 'An Act to provide for the registration of certain persons who shall be imported into Western Australia or employed in any manner within the Territorial Dominion thereof.' The Governor observes that it is proposed to exclude from the present Bill the fifth section of the 30th Victoria, No. 9, which is now in force, and as the Governor considers that the section alluded to is one which it would be undesirable to repeal, he would suggest to Your Honorable Council to amend the new Bill by inserting after section six the following additional section:—

"The employer of any laborer within the Territorial Dominion of Western Australia shall, whenever thereunto requested by any officer of Customs or of Police at or nearest to the place where such laborer shall then be, or whenever thereunto requested by any other officer, as provided for by the 5th section hereof, in the absence of reasonable excuse to the satisfaction of the Justice of the Peace who shall hear and determine the charge, produce such laborer at all reasonable times at such place to any police officer or other officer as aforesaid, under a penalty not exceeding Forty shillings for every such default. Provided always, that every such officer shall, before demanding the production of such laborer, be armed with and produce a written authority from a Justice of the Peace to make such demand."

"You will observe that a proviso has been added to the section, which the Governor hopes will meet every objection that can reasonably be raised against the retention of the clause.

"Government House, Perth, 14th September, 1882."

The consideration of this Message was made an Order of the Day for Friday, 15th September.

MESSAGE (No. 13): *Re* CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST CERTAIN RAILWAY OFFICIALS AT FREMANTLE.

THE SPEAKER also announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:

"The Governor has received Your Address No. 24, of the 8th September, asking to be furnished with the Report of the Commission which has recently been considering certain charges brought against some of the officers of the Railway Department, Fremantle, together with the evidence taken before such Commissioners.

"The investigation of charges against individual public officers is a matter for the Executive to deal with. In the present instance the case has been disposed of by the Governor, adequate notice has been taken of the conduct of the persons concerned, and the Governor nor fails to see that under the circumstances any useful public purpose would be served by the publication of the papers requested.

"At the same time, there is no objection on the Governor's part to the papers (which are now on file in the Private Secretary's Office) being perused by members individually, and the Private Secretary will be authorised to show them to any member or members who may feel an interest in reading them.

"Government House, Perth, 14th September, 1882."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS ACT, 1874,
AMENDMENT BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

ESTIMATES.

The House then went into Committee for the further consideration of the Estimates.

Roads and Bridges, Item £10,000 :

MR. SHENTON asked the Colonial Secretary whether the Government had yet decided how this vote was to be apportioned to the various Roads Boards?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said he had submitted a proposition, which was under the consideration of the Government, with a view to the adoption of a different system of apportioning this vote to that which had obtained in the past. No doubt there was considerable inequality in the proportion heretofore granted to the various Roads Boards. He believed it was generally understood by hon. members that this vote was more especially intended for expenditure on the Main Roads of the Colony, and that the Local Boards should, as far as possible, provide for the up-keep of the minor arteries leading into the main thoroughfares. What he proposed, in readjusting the apportionment of this vote, was that a larger share than had hitherto been granted should be given to those districts where there was a large extent of Main Road to maintain. It was one of those questions which were very difficult to deal with satisfactorily, but Government would give it their careful consideration, and were collecting information on the subject from various sources, with a view to enable them to deal justly with the respective claims of the several District Boards.

MR. SHENTON mentioned the claims of Dandaragan to a liberal share of this grant. This was one of the few districts in the Colony in which, for every £50 expended upon its roads out of public funds, the settlers, he believed, contributed double that amount.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said the claims of this district had not escaped the attention of the Government, and they were now in communication with the Local Road Board within whose jurisdiction the roads of the district were included, with a view to the appropriation of a larger grant for the roads in this neighborhood.

MR. CAREY drew attention to the condition of two bridges on the Warren Road, which required repairing. He had been in communication with the Government on the subject, and he was informed yesterday that the balance of

the Road Loan had all been apportioned, and that consequently there was no more Loan money available. He therefore hoped this very necessary work would be undertaken out of general revenue, and that a sufficient sum for the purpose would be given to the Blackwood Board, in addition to the ordinary annual grant. He also hoped the Government would bear in mind the very small proportion of Road Loan money which had been expended in the Vasse District.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said the Government hoped to be able to undertake the repair of the bridges referred to, before next winter.

The vote was then agreed to.

Immigration, Item £4,000 :

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford), in order to carry out the recommendation of the House on the subject of Immigration, moved that this vote be increased to £5,500. He thought that would be sufficient to carry out the suggestions of the Committee, during the ensuing year, and the Government did not see their way clear to increase it. Should it be found absolutely necessary to increase the vote, in order to give effect to the wishes of the House, to the extent recommended by the Select Committee (£6,000), he would have to include the overdraft in the Supplementary Estimate, and ask the Council to pass it.

The vote was then passed.

Ecclesiastical Grant, Item £3,543 :
Volunteer Grant, Item £2,237 :

These votes were postponed.

Literary, Scientific, and Agricultural Grant, Item £720 :

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said he had to increase this vote by £100, which it was proposed to give to the Western Australian Agricultural Association. Hon. members were aware that this Association and the Swan Agricultural Society had recently amalgamated, and that in future it was proposed to hold the shows on the Guildford ground; and, as the Association no longer required the ground granted to them at Perth by the Government, the Government proposed resuming it and giving the society £100 in consideration of the fencing and other improvements which they had effected.

The vote was then increased to £820.

Pensions, Item £1,841 2s. 8d. :

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) moved to add the name of Mr. F. F. Armstrong, native interpreter, to the list, he having retired and became entitled to a pension.

MR. STEERE asked if the office of Native Interpreter had been abolished?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) did not think the services of an official interpreter was likely to be much required, and it was not proposed to appoint a successor to Mr. Armstrong; at the same time it was the intention of the Government to retain a small sum on the Estimates available for remunerating native interpreters in the event of their services being required.

MR. CAREY drew attention to the item "Joseph S. Harris, £219." This gentleman, he said, had been doing duty almost ever since he had been pensioned and was as fit now as he ever was, both mentally and physically; for the performance of official work; and he (Mr. Carey) thought the Government would do well to reinstate him, rather than have his name appear on the Pension List.

The vote for Pensions was then agreed to, inclusive of the item "F. F. Armstrong, £16 13s. 4d."

Revenue Services North-West Coast, Item £1,140:

Agreed to, *sub silentio*.

Miscellaneous: Item £16,683 15s. 10d.:

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) moved that the item "Incidental Expenses, £2,000," be reduced by £100. He found that certain official fees which had hitherto been charged under this head ought properly to be included in the vote for the Medical Department, and he proposed that it should appear in future under that head.

The proposal was agreed to.

MR. STEERE, referring to the item "Subsidy, Ocean Steam Service, £2,000," asked if any company had been in communication with the Government on this subject, and whether there was any prospect of the vote being required?

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said the Government had, he thought, no less than three communications from different firms relating to the proposed service, but, as yet, nothing had come out of these communications. The Government had, however, written to

South Australia to ascertain whether the Government of that Colony would be likely to co-operate with us in the matter of subsidising a service from Singapore, calling at Fremantle, *en route* to Adelaide, and back again. No answer had yet been received from the South Australian Government, and the matter was at present in abeyance. He had also been in communication with the British India Steam Navigation Company, and forwarded to them a lot of statistics indicating the extent of the trade of the Colony, and other information, but he had received no answer yet.

MR. MARMION, referring to the item "Subsidy for Steamer and extension of Service to North-West Coast, £6,000," asked whether it was the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendation embodied in the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the existing arrangements for conducting the coastal steam service, with a view to securing an extension of the existing facilities as regards communication with the Kimberley District? The Committee, it would be remembered, were unanimous in the opinion that some certain means of communication should be established between the settled portions of the Colony and the new territory at the North, and that an endeavor should be made, if possible, to secure an extension of the present steam service to Roebuck Bay or some other port in that district, failing which, that an arrangement should be made at once for establishing periodical communication by sailing vessels between Cossack and the Kimberley District, as a temporary expedient.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said it was the present intention of the Government to carry out the recommendation of the Select Committee as regards having a sailing vessel to proceed from Roebourne northward, also that the Revenue Cutter should make periodical trips in that direction, so that communication would be established as far as possible with Roebuck Bay while the survey party were up in the district.

MR. MARMION suggested that a sum should be placed on the Estimates for meeting this expense, leaving it to the Government to make such arrangements as they may deem fit. Possibly,

unless a vote were placed on the Estimates, the Government might find itself hampered in the matter.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said the Government were negotiating for a steam service, and if they could come to an agreement they would do so without delay; and the necessary vote might come out of "Incidentals" for the present, pending the introduction of a Supplementary Estimate.

MR. SHENTON, referring to the item "Proportion of Subsidy for Duplication Sea Cable, £498 15s. 10d.," asked whether it was still necessary they should vote this sum? He understood they had only arranged to continue the subsidy for another three years, and that the term agreed upon expired with the present year (1882).

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said he did not himself see how we could break off from the existing arrangement at present, for he believed we were bound to contribute our share of the subsidy for a certain period. The Colony did not derive much benefit, if any, from the arrangement, the number and value of official telegrams being very small indeed; and as soon as the Government could see its way to withdraw from the existing agreement they would endeavor to do so.

MR. STEERE, referring to the item "Reprinting Statutes, £1,000," said although he considered it extremely desirable that the statutes should be consolidated, as well as reprinted, yet he thought, in view of the time and labor which the work of consolidation would entail, that it was advisable, for the convenience of magistrates, the work of reprinting the revised statutes should be proceeded with, without delay; and he would suggest that these should include the various Acts which had been consolidated during the present Session. He apprehended that, for this purpose, the Commission appointed to revise the statutes would have to be re-appointed, as he understood they had concluded their labors.

MR. MARMION said he was decidedly averse to the reprinting of the statutes as at present arranged. He thought it would be unwise to expend this large sum of money in reprinting them now, if it was the intention of the Government

to have them consolidated. It appeared to him it would be wise to postpone the reprinting until the consolidation was done.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) thought the work which had already been done by the Revision Committee would be found to be of great benefit and advantage to the Colony, and would materially assist the labors of any Commission which may subsequently be appointed to consolidate our statutes, in the strict sense of the meaning of consolidation, as was originally intended by that House. With regard to the work of reprinting the statutes as at present revised, if the work was to be done at all, it would either have to be done in the other colonies, and a vote would be required for the purpose; or it would have to be undertaken in this Colony, by the Government Printer, who was in no way prepared to undertake such a work, with the means and appliances at present at his command. The necessity for a reprint of our statutes was admitted on all hands, and he hoped no opposition would be offered to the vote now before the Committee.

MR. CAREY said the question for their consideration was, whether it was advisable to have the statutes reprinted, at once, in their present form, or have to wait some years before we could hope to place the reprinted edition in the hands of the magistrates of the Colony. He thought it would be better to proceed with the work at once.

MR. BROWN would like to see a vote provided for each purpose—for the purpose of reprinting the statutes, and also for the purpose of having them consolidated. Although the amount voted last year had not been expended as he should have wished to see it expended, still, as the Government were satisfied, and were in a better position to carry on the work of consolidation hereafter, he was not going to find fault with them. He thought immediate steps ought to be taken to reprint the whole of the revised statutes; at the same time he should like to see a consolidation of these statutes undertaken and carried out, and a vote provided for that purpose—say £1,000—so as to secure the services of thoroughly competent men, who, no doubt, would be prepared to undertake the work, if they were adequately remunerated.

The subject then dropped.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) moved that the item "Refunds, £200," be struck out, with a view to insert it as a separate item.

Agreed to.

The vote was then put and passed.

Audit Department, Item £1,245 :

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) moved that the item "Inspector of Railway Accounts, £140," be struck out. The Government intended making other arrangements for carrying out this officer's work,—arrangements which it was expected it would prove more effective than the present system.

The motion was agreed to, and the vote put and passed.

Medical Department, Item £8,313 :

MR. STEERE said he noticed a new item under this head, namely, that of "Forage Allowance, Colonial Surgeon, Fremantle, £50." This officer, in addition to his salary of £300 as Colonial Surgeon at the port, also received £50 for attending Rottneest, thus making his official income within £50 of that received by the Colonial Surgeon himself, although it must be admitted that he had not one-fourth the work to do. The number of Government officers at Fremantle was very limited, and they lived within a very circumscribed space; and it seemed a most extraordinary thing to him that, in this year of grace, the House should be called upon for the first time to provide the medical officer stationed at Fremantle with a forage allowance. If this officer wanted to visit patients a long distance from Fremantle, they were not Government officials, and he failed to see why the Government should provide him with forage for his horse. Under these circumstances he would move that the item be struck out.

MR. SHENTON said he would support the motion to strike out this item. He certainly failed to see why it should be considered necessary to provide the Colonial Surgeon at Fremantle with forage allowance. In addition to the emoluments he received from the local Government this same officer was in receipt of some pay from the Imperial authorities in connection with the Lunatic Asylum, and he also received something from vaccination fees, so that his

emoluments from official sources alone could not be less than £400 a year. There were medical officers in the country districts who had quite as much work to do as he had, who were only receiving £100 a year; and he thought if they were going to increase this vote at all, it was the country practitioners who ought to get the benefit of it.

MR. MARMION would support the vote. The gentleman now occupying the position of Colonial Surgeon at Fremantle had been a great many years in the service, and had received no increase in his salary for a long time past. He thought if it was necessary that the Colonial Surgeon at Perth should receive forage allowance, it was also necessary the Colonial Surgeon at Fremantle should do the same. The work at Fremantle had increased considerably of late, since the Railway Department had been opened, and as it was proposed to open a Casualty Ward in the town the labors of the Colonial Surgeon would be still further increased. Under these circumstances he thought the House might fairly agree to this trifling vote.

The proposal to strike out the item was then put and passed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) then moved that the item "Provisions, &c., in Hospitals, £2,000," be reduced by £100.

Agreed to.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) also moved that the item "Vaccination Fees, £200," be increased by £100.

Agreed to, and the vote for the Medical Department (£8,243) put and passed.

Progress was then reported, and leave given to sit again another day.

CONCESSIONS TO JARRAHDAL TIMBER COMPANY (MESSAGE No. 9).

The Order of the Day for the consideration of Message No. 9 being read,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole.

Agreed to.

IN COMMITTEE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) said it would be in the recollection of hon. members that some days

ago a resolution was adopted to the effect that the House was not in possession of sufficient information to enable it to express an opinion upon the merits of the scheme put forward by Mr. Casey on behalf of the Jarrahdale Timber Company; and, in reply to that resolution, a Message was received from His Excellency the Governor stating that all the information in possession of the Government with reference to the locality where it was proposed to extend the Jarrahdale Railway was to be found in the papers already presented to the House, namely, the reports of the Surveyor General and of Messrs. Forrest and Price on the country which was last year proposed to be traversed by Mr. Joubert's contemplated Railway to the Sound. Since then another proposal had been submitted to the House, emanating from Mr. Audley Coote, and it would be for hon. members to say whether they considered the scheme proposed by the Jarrahdale Timber Company was one which was likely to be fraught with advantage to the Colony. For his own part, he was in favor of railway construction, whether on the land grant system or otherwise, but it was for the Legislature to determine whether this or that particular scheme was one which it would be to the advantage of the country to adopt. As he understood the hon. member for Toodyay was prepared with a resolution on the subject, he would not detain the Committee any longer, at the present stage of the debate.

Mr. SHENTON moved, "That an 'Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to 'His Excellency's Message No. 9, informing His Excellency that subsequent to the resolution agreed to on the 31st August, embodied in Address No. 13, the Council had received Message No. 10, forwarding a proposal from Mr. Audley Coote for the construction of a Railway to King George's Sound, and the Council deems it inadvisable at present, and until the question of Railway communication between the Eastern Districts and King George's Sound shall have been decided, to entertain the suggestion put forward by the Select Committee on the proposed concessions to the Jarrahdale Timber Company. This Council does

"not consider the short extension proposed by the Hon. J. J. Casey offers such public advantages as to make it desirable that Government should offer concessions for securing the carrying out of this work." The hon. member said the resolution embodied all he need say on the subject. He found on reference to the map that if the Eastern Railway were extended from York to South Beverley, it would bring the people of the Wandering—which was acknowledged to be one of the great agricultural centres between here and the Williams—within exactly the same distance of Railway communication as if the Jarrahdale line were extended to the 51-mile on the Albany road; and he need not point out the obvious advantage it would be to the settlers to be able to send their produce by rail direct to Perth and Fremantle, instead of to Rockingham. He estimated that the value of the concession proposed to be given to the Jarrahdale Company was equivalent to the cost of extending the Eastern Railway to South Beverley, which would be a step towards connecting this part of the Colony with Albany. Under these circumstances he thought it would be unwise on their part at the present time to come to any definite decision on this subject, and that it was desirable they should at any rate wait until next Session, when they should have Mr. Audley Coote's scheme before them.

Mr. BROWN moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—"This Council having considered the Governor's Message No. 9, is of opinion that a Railway from Rockingham to a point near to the fiftieth mile post on the Albany road would be a great benefit to and promote the development of the districts contiguous to the Eastern terminus of the line, and this Council would therefore view with favor any reasonable arrangement His Excellency the Governor may think fit to make with the Rockingham Jarrah Timber Company, Limited, to extend their line of Railway from Jarrahdale to the locality indicated, in consideration of an adequate concession of land, provided that the company in

"consideration of a further reasonable concession of land agree to sell to the Government the Railway already constructed, as well as all stations, sidings, and jetties connected with the said Railway, such Railway, stations, sidings, jetties, and extension to be handed over to the Government when the term of occupancy the company holds under its articles of agreement has expired, or been otherwise determined." The hon. member said he was quite satisfied that any argument urged in support of the amendment would be thrown away, the subject having been thoroughly threshed out the other evening, and he only put forward the amendment as an expression of his own views on the subject.

Mr. BURGESS was understood to support the amendment, on the ground that the proposal put forward by the Jarrah-dale Company would tend to make Rockingham the chief port of the Colony.

Mr. VENN said he also would support the amendment, as he had in no way changed his opinion since he sat on the Select Committee appointed to inquire into Mr. Casey's proposal. He did not think the Colony could afford to construct more railways out of borrowed money, and the best thing we could do was to get them constructed for us, paying for them with land, of which we have no scarcity.

Question—That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the Resolution—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes	10
Noes	5

Majority for	...	5
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AYES.

Mr. Carey
Mr. Glyde
Mr. Grant
Mr. Higham
Sir L. S. Leake
Mr. Marmion
Mr. S. S. Parker
Mr. Randell
Mr. Steere
Mr. Shenton (Teller.)

NOES.

Lord Gifford
The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Burgess
Mr. Venn
Mr. Brown (Teller.)

The resolution was therefore adopted.

The House adjourned at half-past three o'clock, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 15th September, 1882.

Casualty Hospital at Fremantle—Jetty Accommodation at Fremantle in connection with the Eastern Railway: Consideration of Report of Select Committee—Return of Salaries drawn by Officers of the Civil Service—Immigration from the Australasian Colonies—Coastal Steam Service: Report of Select Committee—Stamp Duties Bill: third reading—Kimberley Railway (Message No. 8): Adjourned debate—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

CASUALTY HOSPITAL AT FREMANTLE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) stated that His Excellency the Governor had directed him to inform the House that an endeavor would be made to find a suitable building at Fremantle for a Casualty Ward, with reference to which an Address was adopted, on the motion of Mr. MARMION, on the 29th August, ultimo.

JETTY ACCOMMODATION AT FREMANTLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTERN RAILWAY: REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

IN COMMITTEE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Lord Gifford) moved, "That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, informing His Excellency that the Council approves of the Report of the Select Committee on the Eastern Railway Jetty accommodation at Fremantle, and the Council prays that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps to carry out the recommendations of the Select Committee, and to cause statistics to be collected of the amount of revenue that may be expected from increased harbor accommodation with a view to furthering this work so soon as it can be shown that the Colony is in a position to undertake harbor works of some magnitude." Hon. members were aware that it was originally proposed to expend £10,000 in extending the new jetty, but the Committee having inquired into the matter, and taken the evidence of competent men, such as the Director of Public Works and the Harbor Master, also the testimony of practical men such