A lively and somewhat acrimonious conversation ensued, resulting in

Mr. STEERE proposing an amendment to the effect that the Chairman report progress, and ask for leave to sit again, so that the other items on the Estimates might be disposed of before the House granted the sum asked for in respect of lighthouses.

Amendment put, "That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:-

Ayes 9

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Aves.	Noes,
Mr. Hamersley	Mr. Broadhutst
Mr. Marmion	Sir Thomas Cockburn-
Mr. Padbury	Campbell
Mr. Pearse	Mr. Crowther
Mr. Monger	Mr. Glyde
Mr. Demoster	Mr. Bickley

Mr. Monger Mr. Dempster Mr. Birch

Nose

Mr. Burt The Hon. M. Fraser The Hon. G. W. Leake The Hon. F. P. Barlee (Teller.) The Speaker Mr. Steere (Teller.)

The voting being equal, the CHAIRMAN gave his casting vote with the Noes.

Amendment thus negatived.

Question put and passed.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Tuesday, 14th July, 1874.

Swan River Bridge Petition-Third Readings.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon. PRAYERS.

SWAN RIVER BRIDGE PETITION.

Mr. PADBURY presented a petition, signed by the inhabitants of Guildford and the neighborhood, praying that a sum be placed upon the Estimates to enable them to erect a bridge over the Swan River, to connect West Guildford with the chief part of the municipality, and moved that the same be read.

The petition was received and read by the Clerk.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed, on motion by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. F. P. Barlee): Aboriginal Native Offenders Amendment Bill, Imported Labor Registry Bill, Telegraphic Messages Bill, Game Bill, Education Act Amendment Bill, Dogs Ordinances Amendment Bill, and Confirmation of Expenditure Bill.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Thursday, 16th July, 1874.

Harbor Improvements: select committee report—Post Office Savings Bank Ordinance Amendment Bill: first reading.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon. PRAYERS.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Select Committee Report.

Mr. STEERE brought up the report of the select committee appointed to take into consideration the report of the engineers of the Government of Victoria on the several plans for harbor improvements submitted to them, to report on further proposals of a similar nature, and to recommend for the consideration of the Council what measures should be adopted to bring this question to a speedy and practical issue; and moved, that the same be read.

Question put and passed.

Report read, and ordered to be printed.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

First Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Post Office Savings Bank Ordinance. He said that the object of the Bill was to enable the Savings Bank to lend money to municipal councils on mortgage securities.

The Bill was read a first time.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m.