Begislatibe Council,

Friday, 30th January, 1891.

Vote of thanks to Delegates: reply to-Extension of Telegraph Office hours - Registered Companies under the Mining Companies Act, 1888: motion for retorn-Crown Claims Ordinance Bill: first reading-Apportionment Bill: first reading-Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Sir T. C. Campbell, Bart.) took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

VOTE OF THANKS TO DELEGATES—REPLY TO.

THE PRESIDENT: I have to inform hon, members that I have received the following reply to the resolution recently adopted by this House:—

"Legislative Assembly, Perth, "28th January, 1891.

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"I have the honor to acknowledge the "receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., "acquainting me with the Resolution of "the Legislative Council, respecting my "services in connection with the West "Australian Constitution Bill.

"May I ask you to convey to the Legis-"lative Council my grateful thanks for "the very high honor conferred upon "me by that Honorable Body.

"Yours, &c.,

"S. H. PARKER.

"The Honorable the President of the "Legislative Council."

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT OFFICE HOURS.

THE HON. T. BURGES: I have to ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary, Why are the doors of the main entrance to the Telegraph Office and large hall closed against the public at 4 o'clock every day, thereby preventing access to the large convenient windows and tables inside from 4 to 7 p.m. Also: Whether it is possible to extend the working hours of the Telegraph Department, throughout the largely settled parts of the Colony, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each week day.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. G. Shenton): The questions asked will

be answered at the next sitting of the Council.

REGISTERED COMPANIES UNDER "THE MINING COMPANIES ACT, 1888."

THE HON. G. W. LEAKE moved, That there be laid on the Table of this House a return of all Companies registered up to this day under "The Mining Companies Act, 1888," distinguishing those which have, and those which have not, complied with the provisions of sec. 116, sub-section 1, of that Act.

THE HON. W. D. MOORE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

CROWN CLAIMS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

THE HON. G. W. LEAKE moved for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Ordinance to facilitate proceedings by persons having claims against the Government."

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Friday, 6th February.

APPORTIONMENT BILL.

THE HON. G. W. LEAKE moved for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act for the better Apportionment of Rents and other Periodical Payments."

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Friday, 6th February.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 3.15 p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, 3rd February, at 3 p.m.