

tick question was published in one of the newspapers. That is entirely contrary to Parliamentary practice, and to our Standing Orders. One of our Standing Orders reads as follows:—

The evidence taken by any select committee of the House and documents presented to such committee, which have not been reported to the House, shall not be disclosed or published by any member of such committee or by any other person.

I believe in this case the committee gave leave to the newspaper to publish the evidence; but I would like to point out that the committee has no power to do so. In the House of Commons, it is considered a great breach of privilege, rendering publishers liable to a penalty; and we have the same power here. Having mentioned this, I hope that the mistake will not occur again. Otherwise, I shall have to draw the attention of the House to it, and the House will have to take some action.

LODGERS' GOODS PROTECTION BILL.

Received from the Legislative Council. No member appeared to be in charge of the Bill in this House. Mr. SIMPSON (after a pause) said he would take charge of the Bill; and, on his motion, the Bill was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 12.5 midnight until Thursday afternoon.

Legislative Assembly,

Thursday, 28th July, 1898.

Papers presented—Bills of Sale Bill; second reading, debate further adjourned.—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

PAPERS PRESENTED.

By the PREMIER: Return Showing Export of Coin, as ordered; King George's Sound, Chart showing reserve for discharge of ballast in Frenchman's Bay, in further reply to question.

By the COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS: Coolgardie Goldfields Water Supply Scheme, Final Report of the Commission of Engineers.

Ordered to lie on the table.

BILLS OF SALE BILL.

SECOND READING.

Debate resumed on motion for second reading of the Bill.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Hon. F. H. Piesse): When I moved the adjournment of the debate it was for the purpose of looking into the Bill, in order to see if there were any further remarks I could make on the new features of it. But, having looked into the Bill, I find I am in accordance with it; consequently, I do not propose to address the House upon it at this stage.

MR. ILLINGWORTH (Central Murchison): I think it is unwise to discuss this Bill further, in the absence of the hon. member in charge (Mr. James). If the House is disposed to go on with it, I will call attention to some anomalies which are in the Bill; but I think it is better not to go on, therefore I now move that the consideration of the Bill be postponed until Tuesday next.

Motion put and passed, and the Bill postponed accordingly.

Several orders of the day were postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 4.45 p.m. until the next Tuesday.