

Legislative Assembly,

Wednesday, 26th July, 1916.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

ADJOURNMENT — CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

The PREMIER (Hon. J. Scaddan—Brownhill-Ivanhoe) [4.32]: In view of the resolution carried yesterday to adjourn the House, thus taking the business out of the hands of the Government, I this morning waited upon His Excellency the Governor and submitted a memorandum seeking a dissolution. I have to announce that His Excellency regretted his inability to comply with my request. I then submitted the resignation of myself and my colleagues, and advised His Excellency to send for the leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Frank Wilson.

Hon. FRANK WILSON (Sussex) [4.33]: I desire to inform the House that His Excellency sent for me this morning. I waited upon him, and he commissioned me to form a Government. I am busy with that work, and I hope in due course to be able to submit the names to His Excellency. I suggest to the Premier that we should adjourn until Tuesday next to the ordinary time of meeting, and that after a formal meeting we might further adjourn over the period necessary for the re-election of Ministers.

Mr. Holman: How long do you reckon it will take?

Hon. FRANK WILSON: I am not prepared to say at the present moment, but I will be able to confer with the Premier and let him know before the House meets on Tuesday next.

The PREMIER: At the request of the leader of the Opposition I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 1st August.

Question passed.

House adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

OBITUARY—HON. G. M. SEWELL, LETTER IN REPLY.

The PRESIDENT: I have received, in reply to my letter of condolence, a letter from Mrs. Sewell as follows:—

Please accept the very sincere thanks of Mrs. G. M. Sewell and family for transmitting to them the kind resolution passed at the first meeting of Parliament, and also for your own personal sympathy and the copy of the speeches so kindly made on that occasion.—“Hadleigh,” Pingelly, 29th July, 1916.

CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL RE-ELECTION.

The PRESIDENT: I have received from the Attorney General's office a letter dated 28th July, 1916, as follows:—

Sir.—I have the honour, pursuant to Section 66 of the Electoral Act, 1907, to notify to you the appointment made by His Excellency the Governor on the 27th July inst. of the Hon. H. P. Colebatch to one of the principal executive offices of the Government, namely, Colonial Secretary and Minister for Education, and of the acceptance of such office. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (sgd.) R. T. Robinson, Attorney General.

Hon. A. J. H. SAW (Honorary Minister) [4.33]: In consequence of the acceptance by Hon. H. P. Colebatch of an office declared by the Governor to be one of the principal executive offices of the Government, the seat of the hon. member has become vacant in accordance with Section 38, Subsection 6 of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899. Under the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1911, when