

the resolutions he had submitted for the consideration of the House. Last year the hon. gentleman had opposed a Bill having for its object the granting of two additional elected members, one for the Murray and Williams district and one for the Northern district; yet this session he came before the House with a proposal to give to all the electoral districts of the colony an additional member, including the district which the hon. gentleman himself represented (Wellington). Now, he could not conceive how that district at any rate could benefit by the acquisition of another representative to shed his light on the work of legislation, while the constituency already had such a brilliant luminary in the House in the person of the hon. member himself. (Cheers and laughter.) The proposal reminded him of a passage in *Henry IV.*, where Hotspur, before coming to high words with Prince Henry, says—

Two stars keep not their motion on one sphere; Nor can one England brook a double reign. Of Harry Percy and the Prince of Wales;

nor could he conceive how another legislative luminary of lesser magnitude than the hon. member for Wellington could shine, or render itself visible, in the constellation of which that hon. gentleman was "the bright, particular star." (Renewed cheers and laughter.) The brightness of the lesser luminary would be entirely eclipsed by the brilliancy of a star of the first magnitude. Another objection he had to the scheme submitted to the House was that it was a half-measure; he did not believe in half measures; he was in favor of going the whole animal or none. Under a hybrid Constitution such as that proposed by the hon. member, he (the Surveyor General) would feel himself in a very anomalous position; he would have two masters to serve, and he had it on the authority of a very ancient volume that no one could serve two masters, inasmuch as he would despise the one and fear the other.

Mr. STEERE, having repudiated the assertion that he had brought forward his motion, and thrown it as a firebrand amongst hon. members, in order to precipitate the adoption of self-government by this colony,—than which nothing was farther from his mind,—with the leave of the House withdrew the whole of his instructions, with the exception of that relating to proxy-voting, which he moved should be adopted.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) seconded the motion.

Resolutions 1, 2 and 3, by leave, withdrawn.

Resolution 4 agreed to.

In Committee.

Clause 1—

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Schedule 2 postponed.

Schedules 3 to 5 agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Monday, 14th July, 1873.

Papers Tabled—Torrens Act: select committee report—Election Petition, General Regulations—Supreme Court Ordinance Amendment Bill: first reading—Poison Land and Land Regulations—Scab Inspectors: Returns—Public Works Loan Bill: in committee—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Bill: second reading—Local Revenues in Northern District Bill: second reading—Provision for Further Government of Northern District Bill: motion for second reading—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Bill: in committee—Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872, Amendment Bill: recomittal.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

## PAPERS TABLED.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) laid upon the table a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Western Australian Central Committee of the Sydney Intercolonial Exhibition enclosing certain resolutions passed by the committee, and moved that the same be read.

Question put and passed.

The letter was read by the Clerk.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) laid upon the table a letter from John S. Wright of Birmingham, to the Colonial Secretary, enclosing a memorial with reference to the immigration of agricultural laborers.

## TORRENS ACT.

Select Committee Report.

Mr. CAREY brought up the report of the select committee appointed to consider the advisability of bringing in a Bill similar in its provisions to the Torrens Act. He said that

the committee recommended the introduction of such a Bill during the present session. He then moved that the report be received and read.

Question put and passed.

The report was read by the Clerk, and then adopted.

#### ELECTION PETITIONS, GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, asked the Attorney General whether any general regulations have been issued by the Chief Justice as to the manner in which inquiry is to be made and evidence obtained when election petitions are referred to him.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) said that no general regulations have been issued by His Honor the Chief Justice to this effect.

#### SUPREME COURT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

First Reading.

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1861.

The Bill was read a first time.

#### POISON LAND AND LAND REGULATIONS.

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands whether a large block of land on the Greenough had been leased, or is about to be leased, as poison land to Mr. M. Brown, contrary to clause 109 of the Land Regulations.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) replied that no large block of land on the Greenough has been leased, nor is about to be leased, as poison land to Mr. M. Brown.

#### SCAB INSPECTORS: RETURNS.

Mr. CAREY, in accordance with notice, moved for the monthly diaries or returns of the several scab inspectors during the past year.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said that the returns were open to the inspection of hon. members at his office.

#### PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL.

In Committee.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Debate ensued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the words "within the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria," be struck out, and the words "outside the limits of Western Australia," be inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 agreed to.

Schedule A agreed to.

Schedule B—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that all the words between the word "at" in the fourth line from the bottom, and the word "as" in the third line be struck out; also the words "registered and registrar."

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

#### PEARL SHELL FISHERY REGULATION BILL.

Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

After a conversational discussion,

The Bill was read a second time.

#### LOCAL REVENUES IN NORTHERN DISTRICT BILL.

Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### PROVISION FOR FURTHER GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN DISTRICT BILL.

Motion for Second Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), by leave, withdrew the Bill.

# PEARL SHELL FISHERY REGULATION BILL.

In Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved to omit the word "the" before the word "schedule," and insert the letter "A" after the word "schedule."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. MARMION moved to insert after the word "constable" in the second line the words "or such other person or persons appointed by the Governor in that behalf"; to strike out the word "the" before the word "schedule" and to insert after the word "schedule" the letter "B"; and after the word "constable" in the fourth line, to insert the words "or other duly appointed persons as aforesaid."

Amendments agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that in subclause 5 the word "or" in the fourth line be struck out; after the word "constable" in the fifth line the words "or other person appointed as aforesaid," be inserted; in the 10th line the word "or" be struck out and after the word "constable" the words "or other person appointed as aforesaid" be inserted; and also in subclause 6 to strike out and insert the same words respectively.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that clause 6 be struck out.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 3 reverted to—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that all words from the word "carry" in the second line to the word "him" in the third line be struck out, and the words "employ any Aboriginal native of the said colony" be inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the word "carry," in the sixth line be struck out, and the word "employ" inserted in lieu; in the seventh line the words "to sea or otherwise employ him" be struck out; and in the ninth line from the end of the clause the words "carry him to sea or otherwise" be struck out.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

# WINES, BEER, AND SPIRIT SALE ACT, 1872, AMENDMENT BILL.

Recommittal.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Bill be recommitted for the further consideration of certain clauses.

In Committee.

Clause 3—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the words between the word "Act" and the word "but" be struck out, and the words "it shall not be necessary for an applicant to attend personally but he may if he prefers it appear by his agent," be inserted.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that clause 6 be struck out and a new clause inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

New clause—

Mr. MARMION moved in section 56 of the Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872, after the word "Offence", to insert the words "any sum not exceeding fifty pounds and for any subsequent offence any sum not exceeding one hundred pounds and shall be liable to the forfeiture of his license."

New clause put, upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes .....	4
Noes .....	10

Majority against	6
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Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Legge	The Hon. H. H. Hocking
Mr. Steere	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Pearce	Mr. Hassell
Mr. Marnion ( <i>Teller.</i> )	Mr. Padbury
	Sir Thomas
	Cockburn-Campbell
	Mr. Bussell
	Mr. Minger
	Mr. Bickley
	Mr. Dempster
	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
	( <i>Teller.</i> )

New clause thus negatived.

Bill again reported, with further amendments.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m.