

an average of £30 in the case of the farmer, I just wonder whether the farmer or the creditors or who else would get the money. There has been no dissatisfaction in my province concerning the present situation. I trust, therefore, that nothing will be done to interfere with the remuneration set down for work already done. If the remuneration is altered to affect work to be done, the receivers can then say whether it is worth their while to carry on with the job.

On motion by the Honorary Minister, debate adjourned.

BILL—CONSTITUTION ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1931. CONTINUANCE.

Second Reading.

THE HONORARY MINISTER (Hon. W. H. Kitson—West) [12.30] in moving the second reading said: This is a Bill to continue the operation of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act of 1931 to the 31st December, 1934. The act is part of the financial emergency legislation, and imposes reductions on the salaries of officers under the Constitution. The officers affected are the Lieut.-Governor and his private secretary, the Clerk of the Executive Council, the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judges, and the eight Ministers of the Crown. The rates of reduction under the Financial Emergency Act are 18 per cent. for salaries not exceeding £250, 20 per cent. for those over £250 and not exceeding £1,000, and 22½ per cent. for those over £1,000. It is not proposed to make any alteration in these rates of reduction. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Remaining Stages.

Bill passed through Committee without debate, reported without amendment, and the report adopted.

Read a third time, and passed.

House adjourned at 12.35 a.m. (Thursday).

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

ASSENT TO BILL.

Message from the Lieutenant-Governor received and read notifying assent to the undermentioned Bill:—

Fremantle City Council Lands Act Amendment.

QUESTION—CAVES HOUSE.

Mr. BROCKMAN asked the Premier. 1, What use, if any, has been made of the money derived from the insurance of Yallingup Caves House occasioned by the recent serious fire? 2, Is it the intention of the Government to use that money for the rebuilding of Caves House? 3, As the present accommodation is hopelessly inadequate to meet the popular demands for the ensuing season, when will the premises be re-built?

The PREMIER replied: 1, The sum of £3,283 was received in insurance, and £1,573 of this amount has been expended on temporary restoration of the burnt portion of the buildings, and part replenishment of furnishings, crockery, etc., lost in the fire. 2, The balance of the insurance money would be insufficient for the purpose. 3, As soon as funds are available.

House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.