

After a few remarks from Messrs. NEWMAN and DRUMMOND, and the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, the subject dropped.

Item agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved that the existing arrangements under which the Sand Hills at Geraldton are being covered with bush be continued. He referred to the works that had been carried on in Champion Bay to prevent the Sand Hills covering up the town of Geraldton, and as the farmers who are in debt to the Government were willing to continue the work which was necessary he urged its continuance.

Question put and passed.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved that the Government be authorized to expend such sum of money as may be necessary, not exceeding £200, in preparing land for planting coffee and other seeds likely to be hereafter productive of commercial value in the colony.

Question put and passed.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved that, with a view to carrying out the provisions of an Act passed by this Council for the working of telegraphs by public funds in this colony, the sum of £435 be placed on the Estimates for buildings, clerks, and messengers at Perth and Fremantle.

Question put and passed.

Item: *Works and Buildings*, £6,150.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that this item stand at £6,560.

A brief discussion ensued when the motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the sum of £150 be made available for addition to the accommodation of the Survey Office.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. STEERE said that there was £1,000 on the Estimates for a school-house at Fremantle. He had seen a tender on the table to do the work for £600.

At the request of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary the matter was left until he could communicate with the Clerk of Works, Fremantle.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, 6th January, 1871.

Papers Tabled—Public Loan Bill: first reading—14th Victoria, No. 6. Amendment Bill: third reading—Estimates: in committee—Messages from the Governor, Nos. 5 and 6—Estimates: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4 p.m.

PRAYERS

PAPERS TABLED.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) laid on the table a memorandum from His Excellency the Governor as to the Survey and Land Department. Also, suggestions by the late Surveyor General as to Land Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC LOAN BILL.

First Reading.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, moved that leave be given to introduce a Bill to raise a loan for the construction of public works.

The Bill was read a first time.

14th VICTORIA, No. 6, AMENDMENT BILL.

Third Reading.

Mr. DRUMMOND moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Item: *Works and Buildings*, £6,560.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said he had communicated with the Clerk of Works, and found that the sum of £686 was the estimate for the building of the school-house at Fremantle. He moved that the sum of £700 be placed on the Estimates for that purpose.

The motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) then moved that the item, works and buildings, stand at £6,260.

The motion was agreed to.

A discussion then took place respecting the Printing Department—as to whether the work could not be done cheaper by contract.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said it could not be done cheaper; in fact, it could not be done at all by any private printing establishment in the colony.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR—Nos. 5 and 6.

The SPEAKER announced the receipt of the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—

The Governor, in reply to Address No. — of the Legislative Council, is pleased to place the sum of £20 on the Estimates for a Messenger for the Legislative Council, and submits the same to the consideration of the Council.

Government House, Perth, 6th January, 1871.

The Governor, in reply to Address No. — of the Legislative Council, is pleased to place the sum of £1,000 on the Estimates, to be appropriated to the purchase and introduction into this Colony of an eight-horse power Thompson's Road Steamer, and the fittings necessary for the carriages to be attached to the same, and submit the same to the consideration of the Council.

Government House, Perth, 6th January, 1871.

ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Item: Roads and Bridges, £10,000.

A long and interesting discussion took place respecting the two stone-crushers that are expected from England, as to their cost of working, and the districts in which they should be employed.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that £600 be added for working expenses of the stone-crushers.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. SHENTON, in the absence of the member for Swan, moved that the sum of £800 be placed on the Estimates to put the steam dredge in working order.

The motion was not agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that £1,000 be added to the amount for roads and bridges to procure a Thompson's road steamer.

The motion was agreed to after a division was called for, the result being eight Ayes and seven Noes.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: Legislative Council.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that £20 be added to the item for a messenger.

The motion was agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: Miscellaneous Services.

Incidental Expenses, £300.

After some discussion, this expenditure was not agreed to.

Gold Prospecting, £750.

Following an animated discussion, the sum set aside for this purpose was struck out.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: Immigration, £500.

A discussion ensued on this item, when it came out that there was no employment for immigrants, were they sent hither.

Item agreed to.

Item: Aborigines, £338.

On a motion that the sum of £438 be struck off, it was elicited that the Bishop of Perth intended forming a native institution in Perth, and that that sum which was now given to the Albany institution would be devoted to that purpose.

The motion was not agreed to.

Item agreed to.

Item: Harbor Master, 500.

Item: Payment of Interest, £850.

Items agreed to.

Mr. NEWMAN objected to the colony being saddled with the passage money of Mr. Slade.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said as long as they were a Crown colony they had no voice in the matter.

Mr. DRUMMOND thought it was a roundabout way to send to Jamaica for an Attorney General.

The SPEAKER considered that it was unfair that the colony should have to pay something like £300 to the passage of the Attorney and his family. He thought the least the gentleman might do who took an appointment was to pay his way out and take its responsibility.

The total estimated expenditure was £101,688 17s. 6d.

Sitting suspended until 8 p.m.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

Revenue:

Item: Customs, £48,150.

Mr. NEWMAN moved that the whole of the items of the source of anticipated revenue be taken separately.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. NEWMAN moved that the increased duty on tobacco be reduced to 3d.

Amendment put, "That the increased duty on tobacco be reduced to 3d.," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 8

Noes 9

Majority against 1

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Newman	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Moore	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Gull	Mr. Phillips
Mr. Monger	Mr. Marmion
The Speaker	Mr. Logue
Mr. Steere	Mr. Brown
Mr. Shenton (Teller.)	Mr. Bussell
	Mr. McKail (Teller.)

Amendment thus negatived.

Tariff:

Mr. STEERE moved that bread and biscuit be struck out of the Free List.

Amendment put, "That bread and biscuit be struck out of the Free List," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	12
Noes	5

Majority for 7

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Phillips	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Marmion	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Logue	Mr. Bussell
Mr. Brown	Mr. McKail (Teller.)
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Moore	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Gull	
The Speaker	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

Mr. STEERE moved that bran be struck out of the Free List.

Amendment put, "That bran be struck out of the Free List," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	13
Noes	4

Majority for 9

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Phillips	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Marmion	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Logue	Mr. McKail (Teller.)
Mr. Brown	
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Moore	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Gull	
Mr. Bussell	
The Speaker	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

Mr. LOGUE moved that corn and other grain be struck out of the Free List.

Amendment put, "That corn and other grain be struck out of the Free List," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	12
Noes	4

Majority for 8

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Phillips	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Marmion	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Logue	Mr. McKail (Teller.)
Mr. Brown	
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Moore	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Gull	
Mr. Bussell	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

Bags and sacks, and bales for wool were struck out of the Free List, by resolution.

Implements and machinery (agricultural), meats salted, cured, and preserved, and machinery for mills, including mill stones, were struck out of the Free List, by resolution.

Mr. DRUMMOND moved that flour and meal be struck out of the Free List.

Amendment put, "That flour and meal be struck out of the Free List," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	8
Noes	9

Majority against 1

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Phillips	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Logue	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Brown	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Gull	Mr. Newman
Mr. Shenton	Mr. Moore
Mr. Steere	Mr. Monger
The Speaker (Teller.)	Mr. Bussell
	Mr. McKail (Teller.)

Amendment thus negatived.

Mr. STEERE moved that oatmeal be struck out of the Free List.

Amendment put, "That oatmeal be struck out of the Free List," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	11
Noes	6

Majority for 5

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Phillips	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Logue	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Newman	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Moore	Mr. McKail (Teller.)
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Gull	
Mr. Bussell	
The Speaker	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

Pumps and other apparatus for raising water were struck out of the Free List, by resolution.

Mr. STEERE moved that rice and pulse be struck out of the Free List.

Amendment put, "That rice and pulse be struck out of the Free List," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 12
Noes 5

Majority for 7

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Phillips	The Hon. P. P. Barlee
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Marmion	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Logue	Mr. Bussell
Mr. Brown	Mr. McKail (Teller.)
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Moore	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Gull	
The Speaker	
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

Staves and hoops for casks, and goods specially exempted by the Governor with advice of Executive Council were struck out of the Free List, by resolution.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: *Harbour Dues*, £2,000.

Item: *Land Sales*, £6,000.

Item: *Land Revenue*, £16,650.

Item: *Transfer Duties*, £200.

Item: *Auction Duties*, £300.

Item: *Licences*, £2,490.

Item: *Postages*, £5,000.

Item: *Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court*, £1,510.

Item: *Rottneft Establishment*, £800.

Item: *Fees of Office*, £680.

Item: *Sale of Government Property*, £1,000.

Item: *Reimbursement in Aid*, £800.

Item: *Contribution to Scab Ordinance*, £1,250.

Item: *Penalties from Ditto*, £100.

Item: *Miscellaneous*, £50.

Item: *Special Receipts*, £100.

Item: *Refunds*, £500.

Item: *Interest*, £600.

Items agreed to.

With the revision of the Free List and the proposed additional taxation on tobacco, beer, cigars, snuff, a revenue of £102,501 was anticipated. The increased duties, which were agreed to, it was expected, would amount to about £6,000 or £7,000.

Progress reported.

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 10th January, 1871.

33rd Victoria, No. 9, Amendment Bill: first reading—Thompson's Road Steamer—Commission of Enquiry into the Defalcations of the Treasurer at Champion Bay—Scab-in-Sheep Bill: first reading—Scab-in-Sheep Ordinance No. 13 of 1866—Policeman Kennedy—Local Boards Bill: in committee—Wild Horses and Cattle Nuisance Bill—Local Boards Bill: in committee—Wild Horses and Cattle Nuisance Bill: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4 p.m.
PRAYERS.

33rd VICTORIA, No. 9, AMENDMENT BILL.

First Reading.

Mr. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the 33rd Victoria No. 9, entitled "An Ordinance to Restrict and Regulate the Issue of Licenses under the Provisions of the Ordinance 20 Victoria No. 2."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said that he had promised to introduce at the next session of the Council a Bill to regulate the publicans' and other licenses; therefore he did not see the necessity of repealing an Ordinance then which would again be repealed in the course of a few months.

Mr. SHENTON stated that the reason why he gave notice to amend the 33rd Victoria No. 9 was because at present a gallon license can only be issued to persons living in towns. This operated prejudicially in the district which he represented, the Greenough, and it was to place residents so situated on the same footing as those who were in towns.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) agreed with the hon. member that to settlers so circumstanced it was a hardship, but as the law would be altered in the course of a few months the hon. member could not effect much by moving in the matter. It was useless filling the Statute book unnecessarily.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a first time.

THOMPSON'S ROAD STEAMER.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, moved that if after due enquiry it should be found advisable to secure the services of an engineer to superintend and work the road steamer, the Government should be empowered to engage one in England for such purpose.

Mr. GULL hoped that when the engineer was engaged he would come out with the