

convenient day for a public holiday, so far as business was concerned.

Amendment (Mr. Monger's) put, and passed on the voices.

Clause 4—Returning officer:

THE PREMIER moved that in Sub-clause 3 the word "appointed" be struck out, as unnecessary and misleading. Under the Electoral Act of 1899, returning officers continued in office without reappointment.

Amendment put and passed.

Clause 7—Voters' certificates:

THE PREMIER moved that in line 6, after "therefor" the words "at any polling place" be struck out, and "in the form of the second schedule hereto" be inserted in lieu. Application might be made at the Registrar's office, and not at the polling booth, the latter of which would be named in the certificate.

Amendment put and passed.

THE PREMIER moved that in the last two lines the words "in the form of the second schedule hereto, at least two days before the date of the submission" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu: "On any week day except Saturday between the hours of nine a.m. and four p.m., and on Saturday between the hours of nine a.m. and twelve noon up to and including 28th July, 1900."

MR. GREGORY suggested that arrangements should be made to have the registrar's office open on the Saturday afternoon for the convenience of working men, who had no other time at their disposal for applying for electors' rights.

MR. GEORGE: The suggestion was a good one in the interests of men in factories and so on, who worked until five o'clock in the day, and did not leave their employment until twelve or one o'clock on Saturday. In their case, if the Premier's amendment were allowed to pass, it would mean losing a day's work to obtain the right to vote in the referendum.

THE PREMIER: The registrar could not be at the office always.

MR. GEORGE: The registrar did not do so much work during the day that he could not work at night.

Question—that the words proposed to be struck out be struck out—put and passed.

On the further question as to inserting the other words,

MR. ILLINGWORTH moved that the word "noon" be struck out, and "six p.m." inserted in lieu thereof.

Put and passed, and the amendment as amended agreed to.

THE PREMIER moved that in Sub-clause 3, after "each," the words "polling place within each" be inserted; further that at the end of Sub-clause 3, after the word "certificate" the words "in the presence of such officer" be inserted.

Amendments put and passed.

Bill reported with further amendments.

On motion by the PREMIER, Standing Orders were suspended to enable the further stages to be completed.

MR. ILLINGWORTH: Is there any reason why the third reading should not be taken to-night?

• THE SPEAKER: The Bill will have to be reprinted.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 9:51 o'clock until the next day.

Legislative Council,

Wednesday, 6th June, 1900.

Paper presented—Question: Cyanide Plants for Public Batteries—Leave of Absence—Federation Enabling Bill, first reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

PAPER PRESENTED.

By the COLONIAL SECRETARY: Further return relating to the appointment of relatives of Ministers to offices in the civil service, as ordered.

Ordered to lie on the table.

QUESTION—CYANIDE PLANTS FOR PUBLIC BATTERIES.

HON. J. M. DREW asked the Colonial Secretary: 1, Whether the need of small cyanide plants in conjunction with the public batteries on the Murchison and Peak Hill goldfields had been represented to the Government. 2, Whether the Government contemplated the erection of such plants at an early date.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY replied:—1, In some instances representations have been made to the Mines Department. 2, The erection of cyanide plants at Government public batteries has been under consideration for some time, and it is intended to erect such where it can be justified.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, leave of absence for a fortnight was granted to the Hon. C. A. Piesse, on the ground of his wife's sickness.

FEDERATION ENABLING BILL.

Received from the Legislative Assembly, and, on motion by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at three minutes to 5 o'clock until the next day.

Legislative Assembly,

Wednesday, 6th June, 1900.

Question: Millar's Jarrah Co., Railway Restrictions—
Question: Denominational Schools, as to Further Grant—
Question: Railway Servants as Members of Public Bodies—
Question: Railways, alleged Frauds (Kalgoorlie)—
Question: Wharf Extension for Fremantle—
Privilege: Committee of Inquiry Geraldton Case—
Federation Enabling Bill, third reading—
Motion: Beaufort-street Bridge, Perth (to widen)—
Motion: Electoral Rolls, Publication—
Adjournment.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.**QUESTION—MILLAR'S JARRAH CO., RAILWAY RESTRICTIONS.**

MR. WILSON, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Commissioner of Railways, Whether the Government intended to compel Millar's Jarrah Company to carry goods and passengers from Wokalup Siding to their Mornington Saw Mills?

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS replied: The matter was under consideration.

QUESTION—DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS, AS TO FURTHER GRANT.

MR. WILSON, in accordance with notice, asked the Premier, Whether it was true that the Government had been approached with the view of obtaining a further grant to denominational schools? If so, by whom; and what amount was asked for?

THE PREMIER replied: No; it is not true.

QUESTION—RAILWAY SERVANTS AND MEMBERS OF PUBLIC BODIES.

MR. SOLOMON, without notice, asked the Commissioner of Railways: Is it a fact that in the new set of regulations about to be introduced in the Railway Department, provision is made to prevent employees in the department from holding any office on roads boards, municipal councils, or political bodies.

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS replied: Notice of the question should be given.

QUESTION—RAILWAYS, ALLEGED FRAUDS.

MR. GREGORY, without notice, asked the Commissioner of Railways: Does he