

would give great stability and independence to the members of the Legislative Council, who are, besides, not liable to be dissolved, as is the case with the Legislative Assembly.

Reasons adopted.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, informing them that the Assembly had agreed to their Amendments Nos. 1, 3, 9, 12, and the consequential amendment, but had disagreed to their Amendments Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11, and forwarding the reasons for such disagreement.

ADDRESS TO SECRETARY OF STATE RE ABOLITION OF ABORIGINES PROTECTION BOARD.

MR. SIMPSON, in accordance with notice, moved, "That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to forward, for the information of the Right Hon. the Secretary of State, the Resolution passed by both Houses of Parliament as to the advisability of abolishing the Aborigines Protection Board, by repealing the 70th Section of 'The Constitution Act, 1889.'"

Question put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Legislative Council,

Wednesday, 27th September, 1893.

Hampton Plains Concession: agreement between the Government and the Owners of—Public Institutions and Friendly Societies Lands Improvement Act Amendment Bill: first reading—Homesteads Bill: first reading—Tariff Bill: first reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

HAMPTON PLAINS CONCESSION.

THE HON J. W. HACKETT: I beg to move, "That there be laid upon the table

of the House a copy of the agreement in regard to the leasing and sale of lands entered into between the Government and the owners of the Hampton Plains concession." It will be remembered that this concession runs up to within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of our richest mines, and the question is often asked as to what the rights of the holders of the concession are. I believe that, so far, the agreement has not been made public, and it is only so that it may be put into print that I propose this motion.

THE HON. J. MORRISON seconded the motion.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker): I have not the slightest objection to the motion, and I will obtain the agreement as soon as possible. There are a number of documents and they are rather lengthy.

Question put and passed.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. S. H. Parker) by leave, without notice, introduced this Bill, and it was then read a first time.

HOMESTEADS BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and was read a first time.

TARIFF BILL.

This Bill was received from the Legislative Assembly, and was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council, at 4.55 o'clock p.m., adjourned until Thursday, 28th September, at 4.30 o'clock p.m.