

Government will at an early date endeavour to bring the Act at present in abeyance into working order.

On motion by MR. RASON, debate adjourned.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The PREMIER: In moving the adjournment of the House, I may express my regret that we have been unable to provide members with a greater amount of work than has been placed before them this week; but that circumstance is almost inevitable in view of the condition under which we started operations. We hope, during the next week and for the rest of the time the session may last, to supply members with ample material on which to display their energies.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock, until the next Tuesday afternoon.

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THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

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#### ELECTION RETURN.

THE PRESIDENT reported the return of writ for the Central Province vacancy (Ministerial re-election).

The Hon. JOHN MICHAEL DREW, Minister for Lands, accordingly took the oath and his seat.

#### PAPERS PRESENTED.

THE MINISTER laid on the table the following papers:—1, Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1903. 2, Report of the Commissioner of Police for the year ending 30th June, 1904. 3, Transcontinental boring—General descriptive report of operations from August, 1902, to December, 1903. 4, Department of Lands and Surveys—Report by the Under Secretary for Lands for the year 1903. 5, Annual report of the Woods and Forests Department for the year ended 31st December, 1903. 6, Report by the Comptroller General of Prisons for the year 1903. 7, Royal Commission on Forestry—Final report. 8, Report of the Education Department for the year 1903. 9, Report by the Surveyor General for the year 1903. 10, Land Act, regulations restricting cutting of timber on State forest at Chidlow Well, and controlling the stripping of mallet bark. 11, Parks and Reserves Act, by-laws of the King's Park. 12, Stock Diseases Act, regulations. 13, Audit Act, regulations and transfer of Parliamentary votes. 14, East Fremantle Municipality—Building by-laws. 15, Fremantle Harbour Trust—Additions and amendments to regulations. 16, Western Australian Government Railways—Amendment of by-law No. 18. 17, Regulations under Explosives Act—amendment of schedules 13 and 14 of the regulations under Mining Act; statement of expenditure under Mining Development Act from 1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904.

#### SUPPLY BILL, £500,000 (No. 2).

Received from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time.

#### SECOND READING.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon. J. M. Drew): I move that the Bill be now read a second time.

Hon. R. F. SHOLL (North): The Government are asking in this Bill for half a million of money, and we are expected, apparently, to pass the second reading without explanation. A short time ago a Supply Bill was passed also for half a million, and no explanation made. So we are asked to pass Bills for a million of money, in this way. I know that in the Lower House a few years ago

such sums would not have been passed without explanation.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

#### IN COMMITTEE, ETC.

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

Read a third time, and passed.

#### BILLS, FIRST READING.

**INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**, received from the Legislative Assembly, and on motion by the Minister for Lands read a first time.

**DAY DAWN RATES VALIDATION BILL**, received from the Legislative Assembly, and on motion by the Minister for Lands read a first time.

#### ABORIGINES PROTECTION BILL, WITHDRAWAL.

**THE MINISTER FOR LANDS** (Hon. J. M. Drew): I beg to move "That the Bill be withdrawn, and that leave be given to introduce another Bill at the next sitting of the House." Since the Bill was introduced, Dr. Roth, the Chief Protector of Aborigines in Queensland, has visited this State and has been able to make some valuable suggestions to the Government; which suggestions the Government have adopted, the result being that it is desirable to introduce a new Bill.

**HON. J. W. HACKETT**: Will you proceed with a Bill, when Dr. Roth has furnished his report?

**THE MINISTER**: Yes.

Question passed, the Bill withdrawn, and leave given to introduce a Bill in lieu.

#### HEALTH BILL, DISCHARGE.

**THE MINISTER FOR LANDS**: I beg to move "That the Order of the Day be discharged from the Notice Paper."

Question passed, and the order discharged.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

**THE MINISTER FOR LANDS**: I would like to ask members to attend in good numbers to-morrow, as there are one or two matters to be considered,

especially the Day Dawn Rates Validation Bill. I promise that if members assemble in good force to-morrow, there will probably be an adjournment until the next Tuesday week.

**HON. G. RANDALL**: Will the Minister come prepared with a statement that the ratepayers of Day Dawn have no objection to the Bill? It is only right that the opinion of the ratepayers should be known to the House.

**THE MINISTER**: I shall be able to furnish the House with all information to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 53 minutes past 4 o'clock, until the next afternoon.

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**THE SPEAKER** took the Chair at 3-30 o'clock, p.m.

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#### PAPERS PRESENTED.

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