

### QUESTION—EAST PERTH POWER HOUSE.

Mr. SAMPSON asked the Minister for Railways: 1, Have any financial arrangements been made to extend the East Perth Power House? 2, If not, what is the position regarding extensions to the plant which have been stated to be urgent? 3, Would the proposals enable favourable consideration to be given to the reticulation of current to outer suburban areas?

The PREMIER (for the Minister for Railways) replied: 1, Arrangements have not yet been finalised in this connection. 2, It is proposed to call tenders for an additional unit at an early date. 3, Yes.

### QUESTION—YARRAMONY SETTLERS, CARTING SUBSIDY.

Mr. GRIFFITHS asked the Premier: 1, In view of his promise of a carting subsidy to the settlers along the route of the suggested Yarramony eastwards railway, will he state what amount will be paid so that encouragement might be given to the settlers to continue cultivating? 2, As those farmers cannot finance their super. supplies until they have carted all their wheat, thus preventing back loading of super., will he make the subsidy apply to super. carting?

The PREMIER replied: 1 and 2, If the hon. member can produce proof that such a promise was ever made, a most generous subsidy will be granted.

### QUESTION—BREAD, INCREASED PRICE.

Mr. FERGUSON (without notice) asked the Premier: In view of the information contained in the report to the Government by a responsible officer of the Department of Agriculture in reference to profiteering by those engaged in making bread, made possible by the operation of the recently imposed Federal flour tax, will he take the necessary steps to have all bakers in Western Australia licensed, and a license fee charged sufficient to yield the sum of £50,000, which is the estimated amount that the bakers will collect from the consumers of the State over and above the ordinary price of bread plus the amount of the flour tax, the sum collected by such license fees to be used to supplement the Federal grant to the wheat-growers of Western Australia?

Mr. Withers: What about the people who pay it.

The PREMIER replied: I can only say that the question raised by the hon. member will receive the serious consideration of the Government.

### ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [4.33]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.31 p.m.*

## Legislative Assembly.

*Friday, 19th January, 1934.*

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### QUESTION—RAILWAYS, YUNA-MULLEWA PROJECT.

#### *Advisory Board's Report.*

Mr. PATRICK asked the Premier: 1, Has he received the report of the Railway Advisory Board on the country between Yuna and Mullewa? 2, If so, will he lay it on the Table?

The PREMIER replied: 1 and 2, Yes.

### QUESTION—TOBACCO GROWING.

#### *Appointment of Expert.*

Mr. LATHAM asked the Premier: 1, Is the statement correct that £833 per annum has been made available by the Common-

wealth Government to the State Government for a period of five years for the purpose of employing a tobacco expert? 2, In view of the importance of instructing people in the correct variety of tobacco to grow, the class of soil in which it should be grown and the curing of the leaf, will applications be called over as wide a range as possible to ensure the appointment of the most suitable adviser, and, if so, when?

The PREMIER replied: 1. A grant of £833 has been made available to this State to cover the cost of an instructor in connection with tobacco growing. The matter will be reviewed at the end of the year and probably an amount will be again provided for the following two years. 2. The Prime Minister's Department has been communicated with regarding the terms of appointment.

### QUESTION—UNEMPLOYED, ASSISTANCE.

Mr. SLEEMAN (without notice) asked the Premier: Is he aware that the wives and families of the men arrested for window-breaking at Parliament House have been refused any assistance, and will he use his influence with the Minister for Employment to ensure that the wives and families are given assistance?

The PREMIER replied: So far as my knowledge of the case goes, they have been refused assistance, and certainly it is not the intention of the Government to give assistance to men who refuse to accept work in the country.

Mr. Sleeman: What about the wives and children?

The PREMIER: The husbands are responsible for the wives and children.

### ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

**THE PREMIER** (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [4.32]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till Wednesday, 24th January, at 4.30 p.m.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.33 p.m.*

## Legislative Council,

*Wednesday, 24th January, 1934.*

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

### ELECTORAL.

#### *Administration of Oath of Allegiance.*

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have to announce that I have received from His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor a commission to administer the Oath of Allegiance to members.

### FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL— SELECT COMMITTEE.

#### *Witnesses' refusal to attend.*

**HON. J. J. HOLMES** (North) [4.33]: As Chairman of the select committee, I have an interim report to present but, before doing so, I desire to report to the House that the select committee to which the Financial Emergency Bill was referred found it necessary to summon a number of witnesses, among whom were the following:—A. Berkeley, Under Treasurer; S. Bennett, Government Statistician; T. Kenafiek, general secretary, Western Australian Railway Officers' Union. The three persons above-named refused to attend the committee. A letter in reply was received from each of the three persons above, stating the following reasons for their non-attendance:—

A. Berkeley—"I have been directly instructed by the Hon. the Treasurer not to do so."

S. Bennett—"I have been directly instructed by the Hon. the Premier not to do so."

T. Kenafiek—"After consultation with my executive it was decided that it would not be convenient for me to attend."

I submit that this action on the part of the above-named persons constitutes contempt of the committee.